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Long Island may have seen another IGFA World Record Striped Bass pulled from her waters by Bill E. King Jr. of Freeport on August 17th. The bass, taken on 25-lb. test Ande line, weighed in at 63 lbs. 8 oz., was 51 inches long, and had a 29 inch girth, shattering the old 30-lb. class record bass of 51 lbs. 6 oz. that was taken last year in Rhode Island.

Bill, who is the foreman of the ground crews of the Freeport schools, teamed up with two friends to try live-lining eels in the deep water running from the Coast Guard Station to the construction barges in Jones Inlet. Having no luck, they switched to clam bellies to take a shot at some schoolies. While thus engaged a school of bunkers passed by the boat and they gave a chase. Quickly snagging a few for bait, one of his friends, George Hilton, had a 22-pound bass hit a snagged bunker before he could get it to the boat. After a miss by George and Bill, the big bass straighteded Bills line. "How good it was, I had no idea," Bill told us from Roy Flood's Mako Marina in Freeport. "But I can tell you I thought the fish would never give up. It was at least 20 minutes and maybe a half hour before I had it alongside our drifting boat and Ali socked it with the gaff."

Returning to Freeport's Mako Marina, co-owner Pete Ricciardi put the bass on the scale and it weighed all of 63 lbs. 8 oz. Put on ice overnight, a second weigh-in the next day, Saturday, confirmed the figures. After taking down the necessary statistics, the bass was quickly steaked and the head put on ice for possible mounting. Still unaware of the possible record, it wasn't until the following Monday that the dimensions of the catch came to light. Receiving a photo of the bass (cover photo) Monday, The Long Island Fisherman called Mako Marina to alert them to the possible record. Frank Keating had also alerted them, and after a few hours it was confirmed that the fish was indeed a candidate for the new 30-lb. class record. The fish has been recorded with the IGFA, and no trouble is anticipated in its confirmation as the new record. Congratulations Bill!

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Bill E. King of Freeport with the 63 lb. 8 oz. striped bass he took on a live bunker in Jones Inlet that is the pending new 30 lb. class Line World Record for striped bass. See news story on page 2.

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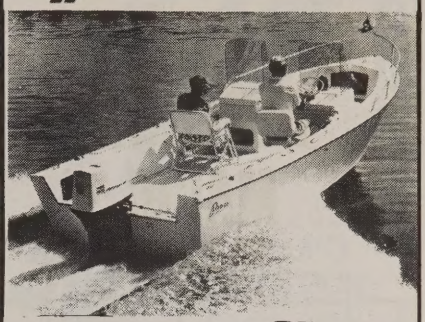

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PROPER TAGGING OF SHARKS

Your July 12 article on shark fishing has been called to my attention by a few of the several hundred Long Island fishermen who are tagging sharks for the National Fisheries Service. They are concerned about the author's tagging procedure - and rightly so.

Page 4 of the above issue offers excellent advice from the editors on the need for carefully handling fish one intends to release. However, the photograph on page 9 illustrates tagging a shark under conditions that almost guarantee the animal will not survive. Large sharks are susceptible to injury, as are tunas, billfishes, etc. As a general rule in releasing large fish, it is best to restrain them as little as possible and to leave them in the water during the entire tag and release operation.

An equally important consideration in tagging is that fish be struck before they swallow the hook. The author's suggestion to wait for 10 to 20 seconds before striking the fish is too long. In the course of our studies, quite a few sharks hooked in the stomach were tagged— none have been recaptured. From our experience, allowing a shark to run with the bait for 3 to 4 seconds is usually sufficient to insure a hook up. We miss an occasional fish but a "gut hooked" shark is a definite miss with respect to tagging.

My compliments on an excellent magazine. I trust my comments here will be taken in the constructive spirit in which they are offered.

Sincerely yours,

John G. Casey
Fishery Biologist
National Marine Fisheries Service
Narragansett Laboratory
Narragansett, Rhode Island 02882

Our thanks to Mr. Casey for taking the time and expending the effort in correcting the improper method for tagging sharks that we published in Issue #26, referred to in his letter.

We sometimes fail to realize that larger animals, such as sharks, are just as susceptible to mishandling as are the smaller, more delicate species. Your editor should have known better, and apologies are certainly in order for not presenting, in detail, the proper procedures that should be followed.

Mr. Casey's letter was accompanied by a report to sportsmen regarding preliminary shark tagging returns, and some comments on proper fishing and tagging methods. It will be published in the near future, and should be of definite interest to all fishermen.

Fishermen should also be interested in a publication relating to sharks which was written by Mr. Casey. The name of it is "Anglers' Guide to Sharks of the Northeastern United States — Maine to Chesapeake Bay". It can be obtained from the United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C., by requesting Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife Circular # 179.

BUNKER PETITIONS

I read with great interest your notes regarding sport fishermen's strong objectives to the bunker boats cleaning out the menhaden in Western Long Island Sound. The last issue has an excellent editorial on this item.

Reason for this letter—

Couldn't you insert a sort of coupon in your next issue or the next few issues— *where we fishermen could sign(petition style)* a proper form and mail back to you — our signed strong objection to these bunker boats?

Thousands of *readers and their fishing friends could add our weight with these petitions*— and return them to you to help this fight. I alone, and at least a dozen friends could thus sign our objections (so far I have not signed any).

You in turn could send them to the proper lawmakers (Congressmen and senators) to help our fight.

William Russ
Larchmont, New York

I am writing in regard to the bunker boats operating in Long Island Sound. Last week, while fishing near the Throggs Neck Bridge, I saw the bunker boat's spotting plane circling (like a vulture) over a school of fish. Within minutes the Boston Jackals came charging down the Sound, came out

with the nets, and God help anyone in the way. I believe there is a law prohibiting such operations within city limits, but these fish bandits pay no attention to laws.

We must fight *now*, in every legal way possible, to drive these chain-of-life rapists from Long Island Sound and keep the Sound free of all commercial fishing.

I would like to see the "Long Island Fisherman" lead this fight by publishing a full page petition in each issue of the magazine. This petition could be removed by subscribers (or buyers), who would gather as many signatures as possible, attach them to the petition, and mail to the L. I. Fisherman, who in turn would forward them to the proper state Legislators of New York and Connecticut.

I am sure most of your subscribers, including myself, would be more than willing to contribute to defray the cost of such a project.

Thank you for your efforts toward conservation and for a fine magazine.

William A. Reynolds
Bronx, New York

The two preceeding letters from Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Russ are representative of the many we have recently received. There is no denying that, under certain circumstances, there is a certain value associated with petitions to lawmakers. Our feelings, under the particular conditions regarding bunker-netting, lead us to the conclusion that the best solution would be for each individual to advise his particular representatives in Albany of his wishes by means of a polite, brief note.

A single petition, with one hundred thousand signatures, certainly has some influence, but most people know that it is quite easy to obtain pages of signatures, and our elected representatives know, full well, the great difference in pressure exerted between a single petition and one hundred thousand individual pieces of mail from the electorate.

The difference is in interest! The person who has taken the time to properly explain his views certainly indicates having a greater interest in the subject than another individual who expends merely enough effort [to sign his name to a list. In taking the time and energy] to write a short letter, a person has shown that the subject matter is important to him — it's the personal touch — he truly desires action to be taken on his behalf.

Readers, forget petitions. Take the five minutes necessary to write a letter, and your chances of not only being heard, but also listened to, will increase dramatically.

Do us at the Fisherman a favor by sending us copies of your letters to representatives. Not only will they keep us informed, but we would like to publish some of them to show other readers how contact is accomplished.

THOUGHTS ABOUT FLUKE

Sometimes I wonder if the Conservation Department is going far enough in its present efforts to conserve our fluke. While the fourteen inch law is commendable, I do not believe it goes far enough. Perhaps someone will want to wish I were "far away" from here, but I sincerely believe that any fluke under fourteen and over twenty inches should be returned to the water. These big fish are the mainstay of the fishery: as in most other species of fish, the males are never very large.

Now, I know that such a suggestion is bound to raise a ruckus with a lot of fishermen. Which one of us doesn't enjoy showing off a big fluke to friends? Good for the ego, and all that. But are we really helping the fluke? Are we really conservation-wise, as we like to think we are? And what about future fishing? And those that come after us? All we have left after a large fluke is gone is a memory and a few good meals.

What about the hundreds of thousands of fluke unborn? If we are really conservation-minded fishermen, will we savor the memory and forget the rest? We should, or one day we will just have a memory of what "it used to be like".

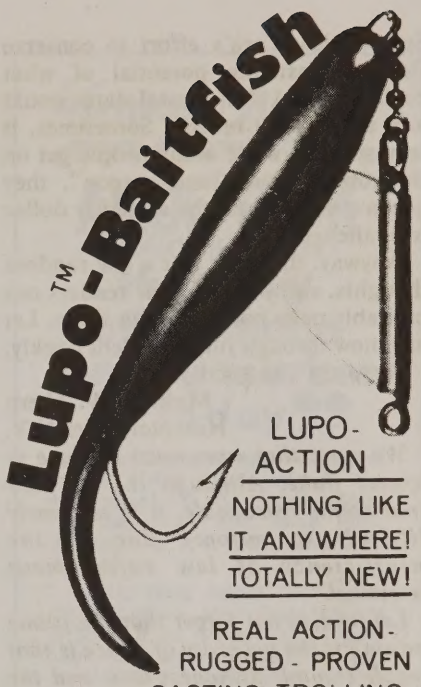
I know the commercial interests would fight such a suggestion tooth and nail, but they are bound to reap the harvest eventually.

Incidentally, I commercial fished for years and I know the work and effort entailed, so I am not just on one side of the fence.

Another thing: Rest assured that when these small fluke work back off shore in the early fall, the foreign fleet fishing off our shores will not release them. I'm sure they think we are the biggest fools in the world to allow the raping of our last great natural resource. Some of them have been quoted as saying so — and they are so right.

So all our effort and conservation is really in vain unless the "powers that be" act up to their responsibility to the American fishermen and give us the 200 mile fisheries limit we so desperately need.

Also, as I understand it, New York State is the only coastal state with a "fluke law". If this is so, how come?



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Surely, New York's effort to conserve fluke, against the potential of what could be saved if all coastal states would join us, is small indeed. Sometimes, it seems to me, while many people get on the conservation "band wagon", they become mute when the almighty dollar is challenged.

Anyway, these are just a few random thoughts, and you and your readers can probably poke holes through them. Let me know through your excellent weekly.

Keep up the good work!

Matthew W. Ahern
Hampton Bays, N.Y.

We agree that more must be done to protect fluke. Although the 14 inch limit seems reasonable, it is extremely difficult to enforce due to the insufficiency of law enforcement personnel.

Let us also not forget that the prime reason for the necessity of police is that people commit dishonest acts, and the people involved here are fishermen — both sports and commercial. If we are to believe what we are told, the numbers of short fluke being kept by sports fishermen are astounding. We are not quite certain what is happening on the commercial front.

Mr. Ahern is also correct in his belief that our offshore fisheries are being plundered by foreign fishing fleets. We are in agreement, in principle, with 200 mile fisheries limit; unfortunately involved seems to be a great deal of political maneuvering by our American statesmen, who seem quite capable of saying "NO" to the American people, but not to their foreign counterparts.

Those interested in the events associated with the 200 mile fisheries limit should contact: Mr. Al Ristori, The Garcia Corp., 110 Charlotte Place, Englewood Cliffs, N.J. 07632

Did You Know...

The Swordfish uses his broad, flat sword as a means of defense and procuring food. He stuns mackerel and other small fish with a powerful whack and swallows them. When threatened by man, they have been known to ram their sword through twelve inches of oak, jump into small boats, and have even sunk a few.

News Releases

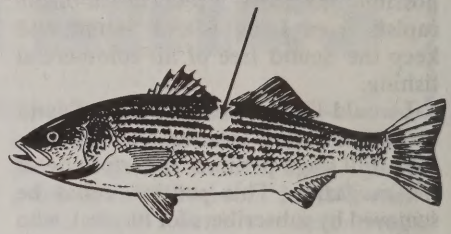
STRIPED BASS FUND CALLS FOR RESEARCH FROM FISHERMEN

The Striped Bass Fund has asked all bass fishermen to help insure the future of their sport by investing a few moments of their time and a couple of postage stamps. Dr. C. Philip goodyear, of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, has issued a request for striped bass scales to help determine the origins of the fish. He requests that fishermen send him scales from just above the lateral line at the area where the hard and dorsal fins meet as an indentation (see diagram). If the fish are to be released, remove only three scales. If the fish are to be kept, ten scales are requested. Scales from different fish should be kept separated.

To be of value in Dr. Goodyear's study, each set of scale samples should show the exact fork length of the fish, time and place of capture, and sex of the fish— if this can be determined. Dr. Goodyear is particularly interested in obtaining scales from two year old fish-those nine to twelve inches long-caught in coastal waters outside of major rivers such as the Hudson. Fish from New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Rhode Island are particularly desired, but scales from any size bass caught anywhere along the coast will be useful if fork length, location, sex and date of capture are included.

By putting the scales in a special enlarging projector, it will be possible for Dr. Goodyear to evaluate growth rates of the fish. From this data he can then plot age-frequency and the growth-rate distributions in each coastal zone. If enough fishermen cooperate, and sufficient material is received, additional, more sophisticated studies can done. Scales and data should be sent directly to Dr. C. P. Goodyear,Environmental Science Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37840.

In making the announcement, a spokesman for the Striped Bass Fund stressed that the research project is to be a continuing one, and urged all fishermen to send in scales and data for as long as they can. It is important, he said, to learn, beyond all possible doubt, where the coastal fish originate if the areas that produce them are to be protected.



Sport fishermen are being asked to collect scale samples from striped bass for a research project initiated by the Striped Bass Fund, Inc. Taken from the area indicated by arrow; above the lateral line, between the hard and soft dorsal fins; the scales will assist in determining spawning areas of this important game fish.

Three to ten scales together with exact fork length of the fish, location and date of capture are required. If the fish is to be released, three scales are requested — ten scales from fish to be kept. Scales should be sent to: Dr. C. P. Goodyear, Environmental Science Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37840.

For further information, please phone Rod Vandivert, (516) 587-3811

STRIPED BASS FUND SAYS CON ED PLANT THREATENS 6 STATES

Declaring that "we will not and cannot" let it happen, the Striped Bass Fund joined the Scenic Hudson Preservation Conference in attacking the Consolidated Edison decision to start building its controversial plant at Storm King Mountain on the Hudson.

The utility announced its intention to start construction, in November, of the controversial pumped-storage hydro-electric facility. The go-ahead decision already has been denounced by Scenic Hudson, which has led the 10-year battle to halt the building of the plant.

Pat Carroll, of Fairfield, vice president of the Fund, said it will never permit Con Edison to threaten the marine economy of six states and "the luxury of catching the last fish in the Hudson."

The plant would be built in the heart of the striped bass spawning grounds and eggs and larvae in countless numbers, Mr. Carroll charged, would be destroyed daily during the late spring months with the intake of up to 9,000,000 gallons of river water a minute. The water would be taken from the Hudson, stored in a huge reservoir, then released to flow back into the river and turn eight generators.

While Con Edison says its studies

show that effect on fish life would be negligible, and that restocking would be carried out if necessary, Mr. Carroll said the findings of an expert working for the Atomic Energy Comission- Dr. C.Philip Goodyear- "completely refute the studies that Con Edison relied on to justify its license for Storm King."

"It has been proven," Mr. Carroll said, "that the recent decline in the striped bass catch in the,mid-Atlantic relates directly to the volume of water taken from the Hudson for industrial and utility purposes."

He said the Fund was particularly concerned with the Hudson River because, having received so much attention, it undoubtedly will be the area on which marine resources policy for the entire U.S. will be based.

Con Edison serves six counties, he noted, but its plant at Storm King would threaten the marine economy-and sport fishing --of Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Yet, he added, the utility "claims to be sensitive to the environment and to the need for ecological balance."

Alternate generating techniques and sites are available for Consolidated Edison, he added, but marine resources and estuarine environments have no alternatives.

He said the Hudson was one of four striped bass spawning areas in the country and that only two of them are in the East.

For further information, contact:
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DELEWARE RIVER MAPS

There are several sets of maps available of the mighty Delaware River. The Delaware, floatable for 200 miles from Hancock, N.Y. to Yardley, Pa., offers plenty of interesting white water, great fishing, and not a single dam to portage around (let's keep it that way!).

Map set #1, avaiable from the Delaware River Basin Commision, 25 State Police Drive, Trenton, N.J., 08603 for $1, offers pertinent information on the classes of rapids to be encountered in the river.

Map set #2, available from the Delaware River Basin Commission, Box 360, Trenton, N.J., 08603 for $2., describes in detail, parks, game lands, places to rent a canoe, boat launching areas, rapids, riffles, and pools, channels, and water depths, and streamflow characteristics. Courtesy of East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

CONTESTS & TOURNAMENTS

RHODE ISLAND TUNA TOURNAMENT

The 16th annual running of the Rhode Island Tuna Tournament of Galilee will be held over the Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 1,2 and 3. Only one fish was caught last year, making it an instant winner. The 252-pound tuna was taken by Joe La Point of Warwick, R.I. Entry fee for the R.I.T.T. is $10 per angler and includes docking at Galilee. Entries should be mailed to R.I.T.T., P.O. Box 476, Conimicut Station, Warwick, R.I. 02889.

L. I. STATE PARK CASTING TOURNAMENT

The Long Island State Park Commission's annual surfcasting-for accuracy tournament will be held at Jones Beach Parking Field No. 1, starting at 10 AM, Sept. 9. The contest is open to persons of both sexes-16 and older. Entry forms are available by writing: Jones Beach State Park, Wantagh, N.Y., and should be filed by Sept.5. There will be spinning and revolving spool divisions.

BROOKHAVEN SURF CONTEST

A surf fishing contest for residents of the Town of Brookhaven will be held, starting at 5:30 AM Sunday, at Cedar Beach in Mt. Sinai. The contest, which has a separate division for youngsters 14 and under, is being sponsered by the North Brookhaven Sport Fishermen's Club and the town recreation department. All fish must be caught from the beach. Surfcasting contests for both distance and accuracy will be held during the day.

HUNTERS SAFETY COURSE

A TWO-PART Hunter Safety course will be held September 15 and 22 at the Glen Cove Rifle and Pistol Range, off Lattington Rd., Glen Cove. Time, 10 a.m. to noon. It is free.

U. S. ATLANTIC TUNA TOURNAMENT

The USATT has moved this year from Galilee, R.I., to Gloucester, Mass., where the fishing will be done on Stellwagon Bank for the giant tuna. On September 10,11 and 12, 40 club teams will compete. The Sheepshead Bay Tuna Club has won the tourney 5 times — 1948-50-61-68 and 70.

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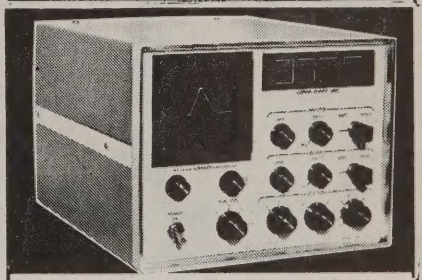

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by Ron Onorato

Rods bend as action is hot over the wreck.

The growl of the huge Diesel engines caused a flurry of action on all fronts. Fishermen who were sleeping in their cars were abruptly awakened, and there was a clamor to board the boat. This trip would be different from many fishing trips taken in the past. When all hands were settled on board, the Peconic Queen II backed-off from its mooring and slid out of Montauk Harbor.

Excitement ran high on this particular trip. We were scheduled to make a special fishing trip to the wreck of the sunken luxury liner, the Andrea Doria. The boat left the dock at about 8 PM in order to fish the wreck the following day, and the duration of the fishing expedition would encompass the next two days.

The Andrea Doria is located at the bottom of the ocean in 240 feet of water some hundred or so miles offshore. The boat went down in 1956 after it collided with another vessel. As with the case of most wrecks, marine life of various types settled on the ship, and this in turn attracted various larger fishes, especially cod and pollack; they were the targets of our efforts.

Since the trip would take anywhere from 11 to 12 hours, many of the fishermen decided to get some sleep. There were a limited number of bunks available but these filled up very quickly. Some fishermen, who had made the trip before, came prepared with bed rolls and sleeping bags; they found themselves a clear spot on the upper deck and slept there for the night.

I had made no preparations for sleeping, so I simply laid out my foul weather gear and slept on that. The night air was cool and crisp, and the stars shone brightly above. The sea was calm and a most pleasant journey to the wreck was in store.

Despite the anxious anticipation of fishing the following day, I had no trouble falling asleep. I awoke the following morning about 5:30, and found we still had an hour or so of riding before we would be in the vicinity of the ship.

Locating the wreck so far offshore might seem like a difficult job, but with the aid of Loran and other fish-finding devices such as sonar, picking up the wreck wasn't that hard. When we approached the vicinity of the wrecks, the boat made slow circles over the entire area while the bottom recorder was continuously working. It seemed Capt. Behan was right on the money, because the wreck was quickly located.

The Mate with a gaffed cow codfish.

A marking buoy was heaved over the side as the boat passed over the hulk, and Capt. Behan maneuvered the boat so that it would sit right over it when the anchor was set. This would give everyone a good shot at the fishing.

I was unable to get a stern position from which to fish, so I went forward to the bow of the boat, where I lowered the skimmer-baited hook to the bottom with the aid of 16 ounces of lead. After a while it hit bottom, and I realized that more lead was needed in the stiff current. I taped two 10-ounce sinkers together and had no trouble holding after that. The fishermen who had put heavy lead on in the beginning were the first ones to connect with cod.

Up and down the boat rods bent, lines tangled, and mates gaffed. Fish of all sizes came aboard. Most were cod, but there were some pollack mixed in. There were several fishermen who chose to fish with 16 ounce diamond jigs, and they also caught cod as well as pollack.

Since everyone on board was busy catching fish for most of the day, the skipper moved the boat just once. It was the same thing over again. As soon as a baited hook hit the bottom, a hungry cod would be there, willing to greet it.

As is the case with all successful fishing trips, the signal to stop fishing was given all too soon. The last fish were gaffed, and the anchor was taken up. The long course back to Montauk was set.

The trip was a busy one. There were many fish that had to be cleaned, and there were the big fish that had to be weighed in for the pool; there were plenty. After taking care of my fish, I laid out on the deck and slept the remainder of the trip home.

Fishing for monster cod on a far, offshore wreck is a relatively new type of fishing that is both exciting and productive. While local fishing may be slow, action on a wreck such as the Andrea Doria is often amazing, but in order to be fully successful when making such a trip, there are many preparations that must first be made.

Sleeping accommodations are the first things to be taken care of. A small sleeping bag, or bedroll with a pillow and blanket, make the ride more comfortable if you fail to get a bunk. Even in the middle of the summer, it gets chilly on the ocean.

Tackle is perhaps the most important aspect of this type of fishing. You will be fishing in water that is over 200 feet deep, and will be tangling with fish that attain weights of 60 pounds. For this reason, tackle must be on the sturdy side. I use an 8 foot, heavy action boat rod with a 3/0 reel filled to capacity with NEW 40 pound test monofilament.

I stress the importance of good line for several reasons. You will be fishing in a wreck and your line will be getting severely chafed: old line won't take the strain. If you are fortunate enough to tangle with one of those real cow codfish, it gives you peace of mind to know that you have good line on the spool.

I prefer to use a single hook tied about two feet off the bottom, rather than two hooks: with two hooks you have a better chance of fouling the bottom. Also, if you hook a fish on just one hook, the other free swinging hook may snag the bottom, and you will lose both the fish and terminal tackle. The hook size used should be about 7/0 or 9/0 and the

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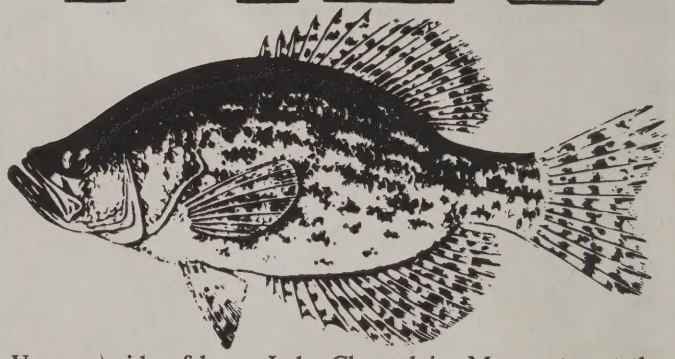
CRAPPIES

by Don Vetter

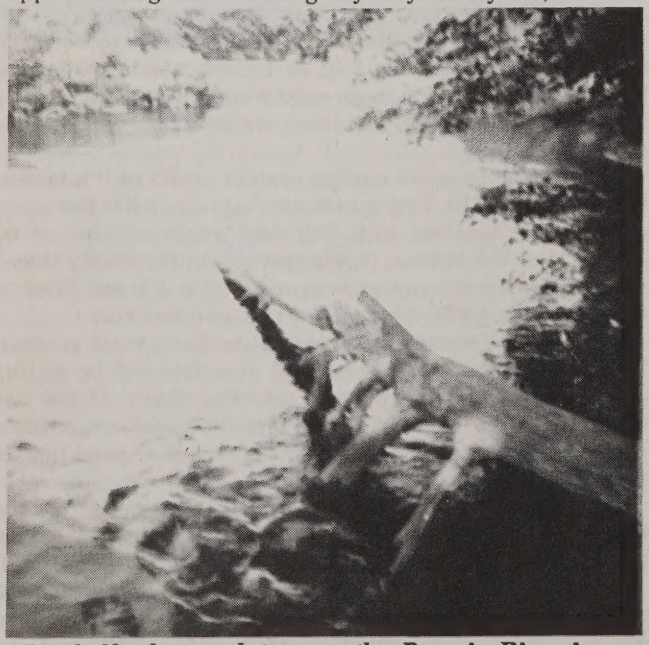


Here we have a panfish with more aliases than a syndicate button-man. The two separate species (black and white crappie) are so alike in appearance and habit that the distinction between them could be of interest to no one but an aquatic biologist, but the fish has so many common names that one might be easily led to assume he was dealing with a myriad of different finny creatures.

In New England he is known as "strawberry bass", and in much of the midwest "calico bass" is the name given him. If a southerner were to tell you the "speckled perch" were running, you could look forward to some fast crappie fishing. Should someone mention making a nice catch of "papermouths", you would have to be well-versed in local fishing lore to know that it was our plain old crappie (pronounced "croppie" in many places, just to complicate matters further) he had put on his stringer. The name-list is almost endless, varying from locality to locality.

Whatever you choose to call him, he is an interesting panfish, well worthy of the angler's attention. Crappies are far from widespread here on the Island; the Department of Environmental Conservation lists but two bodies of water as containing the species: The Peconic River system, and Lace Mill Pond in Patchogue. The name and location of the third Long Island water which contains crappies was supplied to me by Earl Glasshagel, noted bass fisherman and chief honcho of The Long Island Bassmasters. It is Hawley's Pond in Babylon, at route 231 and Montauk Highway. The bridge in the photo is a hotspot.

My own introduction to strawberry bass (pardon me, crappie) fishing came during my boyhood years, on the Vermont side of lower Lake Champlain. My mentor at the time, Mr. Hutchins, would come home from a hard day's work in the fields, clean up a bit, change into a clean undershirt, then load a couple of wire mesh minnow traps into his decrepit pick-up truck.



This half-submerged tree on the Peconic River is a crappie hotspot.

With the broken springs of the well-worn seat jabbing me painfully in the behind with each lurch and sway, we would negotiate up the pot-holed dirt road at a reckless pace till we came to a little brook, all but concealed from view by overhanging foliage. After twenty minutes or so, the bread crumb baited traps were lifted from the stream, and their wriggling cargo of minnows transferred to a waiting milk pail; then back to the lake for the evening's fishing.

A two-inch long minnow was back-hooked on a #4 ringed Kirby hook, suspended about two and a half feet below a bobber, with a single split shot attached ten inches above the hook. The baited rig was then cast near the branches of a half submerged, wind-fallen tree, and we sat back to await results.

The action was rarely long in coming, as the float would soon begin to describe little arcs through the water before going down for good. A light lift of the rod-tip, a bit of gentle pressure to keep the fish away from those branches, and a tasty crappie was soon flopping on the dock. Though other methods will produce as well or better, the minnow (substitute a small, salt water killie) and float trick will take crappies just as well on Long Island waters.

In appearance, the crappie resembles bluegills and other members of the sunfish family (to which he belongs) somewhat. The differences consist of a flatter body, greenish backed coloration fading to black-stippled, silvery sides, and a much larger, hinged mouth.

Feeding habits differ much more markedly; bluegills and pumpkinseeds are primarily insect and invertebrate feeders, while crappies prefer forage fish. This being the case, minnows and minnow immitations are most effective in catching them.

Aside from their diet preferences, there are a few other habits which the serious crappie fisherman should keep in mind. Crappies gravitate towards brush piles, stumps, snags, and half drowned trees, much in the manner of largemouth bass. The difference is that while you might expect to take but one bass from any single given cover, crappies, being a schooling fish, are likely to be found in the vicinity.

The name "papermouth", as applied in many parts of the country, is an apt one as crappies have notoriously tender

Hawley's Pond in Babylon, one of Long Islands three crappie waters. The bridge at the right is a particular notspot.

mouth-tissue; this is not a fish you can horse if you hope to have him for supper.

Late April and May are the crappie's spawning season, and they are often found in great abundance at that time of year. This should in no way deter the determined crappie-seeker as the fish may be taken throughout the year, with some of the best action occurring in the late summer and early fall.

The white, round, lead-headed jig, known as a crappie doll-fly, is almost universally employed for these fish in the land of cotton. We can all learn something from our Dixie brethren in that the doll-fly (or any similar small jig) can be as much of a crappie-killer on the Island as it is on the big southern reservoirs. The method to fish these jigs is simplicity itself; simply cast to likely looking cover, allow the lure to sink a bit, then a retrieve consisting of slow, short jerks. If you receive no takers at first, allow the jig to settle a little deeper into the water before you begin your retrieve.

Crappies take a lure with a gentle, almost imperceptible tap and sometimes complicate matters further by taking the lure on the descent, before you even start to work it. Many a crappie has taken, and ejected, a jig without the angler's even being aware of it. It takes a certain touch and a careful watch on your line on the water to consistantly hook these fish. Such skills can only be developed through practice.

One day, long ago, when I was still in the bobber and minnow stage of crappie fishing, I watched in rapt attention as a fly caster took fish after fish on a hunk of feathers. His casting form was a joy to behold, even though the man was handicapped with a broken left hand. The dexterity with which he used his right arm (with the assistance of an automatic fly reel) held me in awe. To this day, I have never again used anything but a fly rod for my crappie fishing, and the results have been most satisfying.

The same fly rod you would use in trout fishing makes a good tool for crappies. A seven and a half or eight foot rod, with a six weight double taper (DT6F), serves as an excellent compromise though a lighter rig would probably allow you more sport. The choice of flies should include plenty of light colored streamers in the smaller sizes (#10 to #6).

The Black Ghost is a good crappie pattern; despite what the name would seem to imply it is a white-winged pattern. The white marabou steamer, in sizes 10 and 8, is my personal favorite. You need not confine yourself to steamers, as many of the typical brightly hued panfish flies produce well, especially the White Miller wet. White seems to be the prefered color in both flies and jigs. The flies are worked with a slow, short-strip retreive, with occasional pauses to allow the offering to settle deeper in the water. The crappie's proclivity for brush piles and light strikes should be remembered by the flycaster as much as any other angler.

However you choose to go for them, crappies can provide fast action, once a school is located, and while they may lack the fight of a bass or trout, many a pleasant afternoon may be spent in their pursuit. For many, the best part comes after the catching is done; they're delicious in the pan.

I'll Take Albacore & Bonito

by Vlad Evanoff

We were chumming for bluefish several miles off the New Jersey coast, using ground bunker for chum. It was a hot day in late August, and the chum which had been kept without ice all night wasn't exactly sweet smelling. In fact, it tended to float rather than sink. But some blues showed up in the slick and we proceeded to catch a few up to 7 or 8 pounds in weight, using chunks of butterfish as bait.

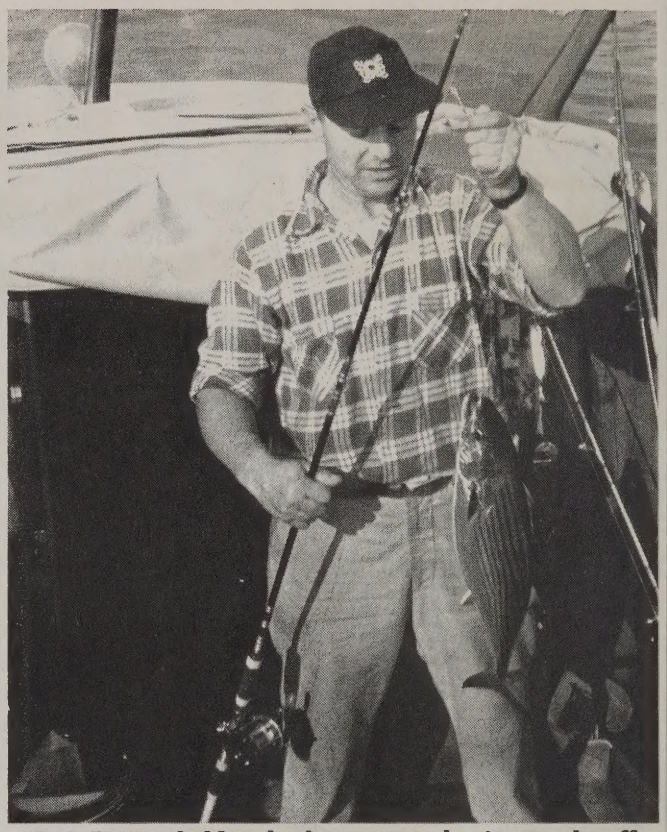
Then, suddenly, the blues disappeared, and when I peered over the side of the boat into the water I could see some kind of fish swimming around just below the surface. These fish started to take small pieces of the floating chum right off the top. We tried drifting butterfish on a hook in the chum slick, but had no pick-ups.

I then decided to try casting a small popping plug into the chum slick and working it back on the surface. On the very first cast a fish came up and went for the plug, but didn't get hooked. Then it came back, or another one did, and this time I set the hook.

The action that followed took me by suprise. The fish splashed around on top in a wild fury. Then it dove below the surface and tore off yards of line at a fast clip. It continued to fight hard and run fast, and it took several minutes before I could subdue it and bring it into the boat.

It was a common bonito which looked like it would weigh about 4 or 5 pounds, but it certainly gave me a much better fight than the somewhat heavier bluefish we had caught earlier. And as every salt-water angler knows, the bluefish is one of the gamest fish of the sea.

We continued to cast the poppers and managed to hook several more bonito before the action died down. We missed many fish which came up and hit the popper but failed to get hooked. The bonito has hard jaws and the hooks didn't penetrate too easily, at least near the lips or just outside the mouth. But when you did hook a fish it often fought on top for a while, thrashing around in a wild and furious manner. Up till then I had hooked most of my bonito on bait or underwater lures, and these fish usually fought below the surface.



Jack Horing holds a husky common bonito caught off New Jersey on butterfish bait.

One time we were chumming for bluefish off New Jersey and caught a few until they disappeared from the chum slick. Then I saw larger fish swimming below the surface, in the chum slick, and recognized them as false albacore.

We grabbed our lighter, one-handed spinning outfits, put on small, yellow jigs and started jigging up and down. Soon my friend yelled he had a fish on, and by the way his light rod bent I knew he was in for a long fight. It took almost an hour before the false albacore was ready for the gaff. It went about 14 or 15 pounds.

Soon after, I hooked one on the jig and it took me even longer to boat it. It was a little bigger than the one caught earlier. My wrist was aching from the long fight, and I didn't want to hook anymore albacore that day.

Both the false albacore and common bonito are fast, tough fighters guaranteed to put up a good scrap on almost any tackle. But they are best when caught on light outfits. Unfortunately, most fast albacore and bonito are caught when trolling for school tuna or other offshore fish, and are hooked on heavy tackle.

Best sport is obtained by going after them deliberately with light gear. They are most plentiful in our waters during August and September, and are found some distance offshore. Occasionally, they will come close to shore and can be caught from small boats, jetties, breakwaters and piers. I once caught a 14 pound albacore from a jetty in Far Rockaway while surf fishing. But most of the time you have to go offshore a few miles to find them.

When trolling for false albacore and bonito, move at a fast clip and use feather lures, jigs, metal squids and spoons. While they will often hit the same size lures as school tuna do, you'll get more hits and more fish if you use somewhat smaller lures. You can troll blind, as you do for school tuna,

but also keep a sharp lookout for birds working or for albacore or bonito feeding on top. They raise a big commotion on top and churn the water to a froth when feeding, so they are easy to spot when they do this.

When you see them feeding on top, troll along the edges of the school. Or, if you want, try casting a small popping plug, metal squid, jig or heavy spoon into the school. But you must reel fast to get hits from these fish.

As mentioned earlier, they also show up in chum slicks meant for bluefish or tuna. They will sometimes hit a lure in such slicks, but most anglers use cut fish such as a butterfish, bunker or a small, whole spearing or shiner for bait. Albacore and bonito are leader-shy, and you'll hook more of them if you use light lines and leaders and small hooks which can be hidden in the bait. Party boat anglers fishing for blues are forced to use heavy leaders and lines in order to keep the fish from tangling other lines, or to lift a fish into the boat.

But if you fish from a private boat, with only two or three anglers, you can go very light and use a one-handed or light two-handed spinning rod with lines testing from 8 to 15 pounds. This will get you more hits and, of course, the lighter rods and lines provide the ultimate in fun and sport.

Both the false albacore and bonito make pretty fair eating if you prepare them properly. With false albacore it's a good idea to cut out a couple of fillets and put these in cold water with salt for a few hours to draw out the blood. Bonito can be cleaned and cooked like any fish. Many anglers also like to cut out the darker meat and use only the lighter flesh. They are oily fish and have a strong flavor but, like tuna, they make good eating if correctly prepared.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep regret that we note the passing of a great Montauk charter boat skipper, Capt. Nick Kuzin. III for the past three months and hospitalized for the last six weeks, the skipper fought a valiant but losing battle against lung cancer.

A veteran of 15 years chartering at Montauk, Nick Kuzin is best remembered as a crack striped bass fisherman who got the big ones for the fares aboard his famous boat, the Tigershark III. A veteran of 30 years surfcasting along the beaches of Montauk before chartering, Nick whipped the waves with another of Montauk's great oldtimers, the late Frank Tuma.

His cousin Bill and two fellow captains, Ralph Pitts and Ted Stevens all agree that Nick's last 15 years were among his happiest, in that he did what he liked and was successful at it — fishing. "He succeeded in what he attempted — he reached his objectives."

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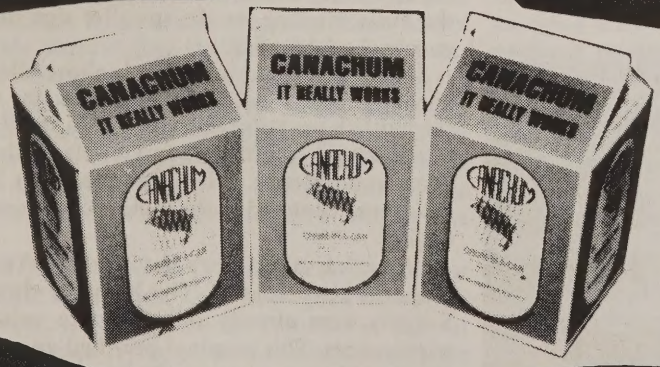

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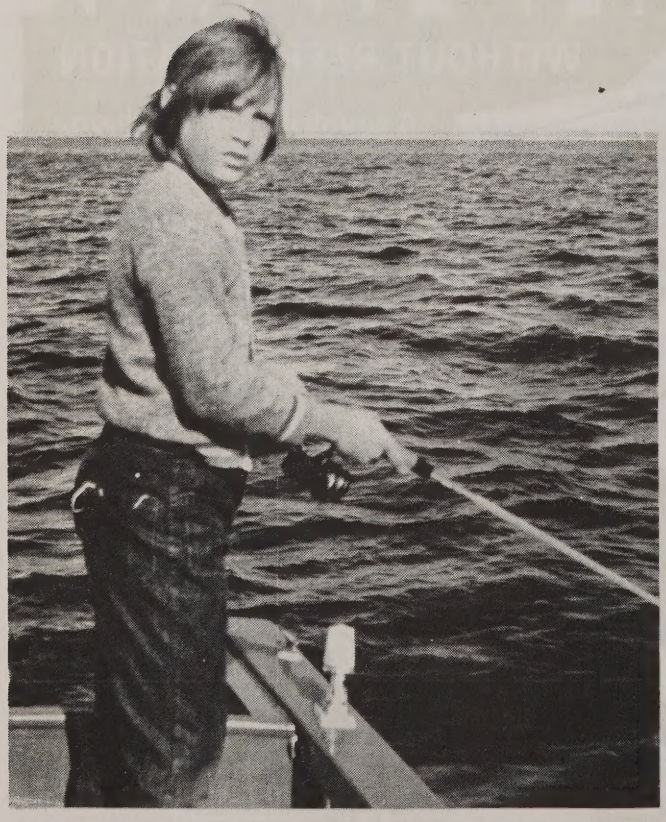
BLUE FEVER

by Robert H. Schaefer

I cracked the throttle wide open and "Honest Lil" came upon plane immediately. As we sped toward the circling flock of gulls and terns I looked to see if any other boats had spotted them. It was Tuesday afternoon early in September, and except for three boats trolling, we had Long Island Sound to ourselves. My son Scott, and I had been "sick" that morning. What we were afflicted with was that disease peculiar to fishermen in the fall, known as "blue fever". The prescribed cure required him to skip school and me to ignore the office routine while we went in search of bluefish.

The birds circling and wheeling over the blues had materialized in an instant. Although we were still at least three miles away I could now see them as tiny specks densely packed together, making a dark grey patch against the bright sky. In a few minutes we were close enough to see that the water under the birds looked as though a giant agitator was at work. Finally, as we neared them, I chopped the throttle and eased the "Honest Lil" to within casting distance of the school. We had achieved a minor miracle: we were the first and only boat at this school of blues. "Careful, now, Pop! Don't get too close and scare them!", Scott cautioned me.



The 11 pound blue that Scott wouldn't touch.

We had been catching many tailor blues in the Huntington-Northport Bays on Long Island's north shore all through the month of August. Tailor blues are about 1-2 pounds and are the next development stage in the life cycle of bluefish after they grow past snapper size (6"-12"). They are great sport on ultra-light spinning gear. But recent reports had indicated that schools of mature blues, ranging in weight up into the teens, had invaded Long Island Sound, so we abandoned the light tackle and armed ourselves with 7 foot rods, Penn 710 spinning reels and 10 pound test monofilament line.

Our strategy was simple: We cruised the Sound in our runabout, "Honest Lil", until we located a school of blues feeding on the surface. We would then make a run at top speed to them, coast in, and cast our surface popping plugs in among the bait fish. Gulls and terns acted as our lookouts. The birds patrolled the Sound as we did but, with sharp eyes and height advantage, would spot the feeding fish long before us. Then they would congregate in a flock, hovering over the school of blues, diving into the water after the scraps of baitfish missed by the blues. And so we watched the birds, waiting for the sure-fire sign that they had found a school of bluefish.

Slowly, at a speed just slightly above idle, I inched the boat ahead. Unless I was badly mistaken, the blues were driving the baitfish towards the shore, into a small cove. I swung wide of the school, got the boat up on plane, then headed towards shore and the cove. When we were about 200 yards from the beach and centered in the middle of the cove, I shut down the engine.

"Now," I said, "Let's get ready." We grabbed our rods from the stern holders. The ¾ ounce chrome-colored Striper Swipers were already snapped onto swivels with nine inch wire leaders. This terminal gear had an especially dull finish. Feeding blues are not too choosy about what they strike and will hit any shiny object that is offered to them. The idea is to make sure they hit the lure/hook and nothing else.

Like a band of roving marauders, the school of blues bore down on us. Scott stationed himself on the port side, casting over the stern with a ¾ overhand arm motion, and I moved to the starboard side.

The blue's feeding behavior cannot be any less blood thirsty than the well-publicized feeding frenzy of sharks. Scott's lure was stuck almost as it hit the water. Mine was hit before I had taken a full turn on the reel crank. Instant success turned into instant disaster. Scott's line broke, and a second later, mine did also. "What happened?" Scott cried.

"The drag. We must have the drag set too tight," I answered. This dumb mistake cost us two lures, two leaders, and two good fish. I readjusted the drags so that an easy pull

stripped line off the spool. Scott opened the tackle box and handed me new leaders. Tying knots with sweaty hands on a boat that's rocking ever so gently while watching the blues sweep past was maddening and frustrating. Finally the new rigs were ready. However, the blues were now approaching the west end of the cove, far beyond casting distance.

"Let's go over and get 'em!", Scott urged.

"Trust your old Pop; it can't hurt to wait. If they head out into the Sound we can catch up easily enough. Let's not start the engine and risk spooking them by running around unless we absolutely have to". So we waited, watching the birds as they tracked the jumping fish. And we were lucky because the blues again did as I had predicted— they turned and headed back towards us.

Once more our lures were hit as quickly as they were tossed out to the attacking blues. I worked my fish alongside the boat in short time, but Scott still had his hands full.

"Do you want me to get the gaff?", he asked.

"No, no stay with your fish". I reeled up the line until the leader was at the rod tip. Keeping the rod tip down in the water, I snatched up the gaff with my left hand. Then I tried to raise the fish to the gaff by lifting the rod tip, and of course, the fish's weight made the line strip off the reel. The fish stayed beyond the reach of the gaff. I reeled up the lost line until the leader was again at the rod tip. This time, I thought, I'll be clever and pinch the line against the rod with my forefinger before raising the rod. Wrong! Stupid! Pinching the line prevented the drag from compensating for the overstress on the line and so the fish easily broke it. Another fish gone, another lure lost! This definitely was not the way to cure blue fever.

I re-rigged my line while Scott continued to fight his fish. The blue was under control now and, after a brief dash when he saw the boat, was successfully gaffed. It was a nice six-pounder, but I had expected to see a larger fish.

Suddenly I realized that there were two schools of blues working the cove! We didn't have to chase them, they would come to us as we drifted in absolute silence. The blues paid no more attention to us than to a floating log. Each school tore by, completely surrounding the boat as it went past.

The cove was a bonanza of bluefish. It was now late in the afternoon and other fishermen came into the cove, maneuvering their boats cautiously, indicating they knew how easily a churning propeller and boat hull plowing through the water can spook blues. They quickly sized up the situation, and cut off their engines to drift among the choppers.

Scott and I each caught a fish as the schools came past but these, too, were about six pounds. Then Scott got a strike that was incredibly violent. In desperation he clutched at the rod with both hands, not even trying to turn the reel crank. He lurched forward and I reached out to grab him by the belt, but missed. The fish took off running away from the boat in the direction of the bow, dragging Scott after him.

"Loosen the drag! You've got plenty of line. Just don't let him break it!

The rod shaft bowed as Scott began to pump the rod. "He's coming up, get in the slack line quick so he can't throw the hook when he jumps!" Then the blue shattered the calm of the cove as he rose out of the water, stretching his entire body in a beautiful arc. One twist in the air and he plunged back into the water.

"Daddy, did you SEE him!

These were the only words Scott spoke as he fought the blue.

The line whizzed off the reel again, but the blue was now

Scott fishing for tailor blues with ultra-light spinning tackle

closer to the boat than he had been before. Scott had the fish beaten now. Line was coming back onto the reel with every turn of the handle. As the blue came alongside the boat, he dove again, pulling the rod tip into the water as the rod bent double. But it was his last dash for freedom; the fight was over and the fish knew it as he lay on the surface and surrendered to the gaff. He weighed about 11 pounds, and was easily the largest blue either one of us had ever caught.

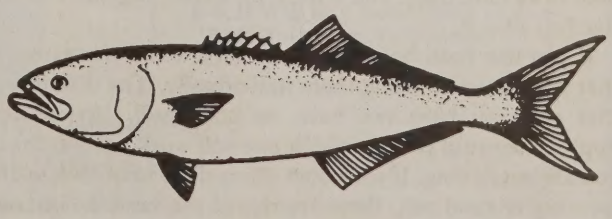
The blue was a fine trophy for a young boy and I was very proud of my son.

"Okay, Scott, pick up your big blue and I'll take a picture".

"Are you kidding?", he said, "I'm not touching that smelly old fish". No amount of persuasion would get him to hold the fish, so I put the camera away. After all, the purpose of catching a fish is not just to provide subject matter for the amateur photographer.

We had shared a day together that was burned into our memories. We had seen the birds making their traditional rendezvous with the blues. We had seen the bait fish come to their fateful end in that small quiet cove, a scene that had been acted out by the same players long before man was on earth to witness it. The food chain represented by the bait fish, blues and birds was simply an illustration of ecology working at full force. The savage slaughter is a necessary part in the natural history of the bluefish.

However, the most ruthless event that we saw that day took place not in the cove, but at the dock. Boat after boat pulled into the launch ramp with fish boxes filled to overflowing with bluefish, more than any one family could eat or give away. And as we left, we wondered, was this carnage meant to be a necessary part of nature?



Fluke at CAPTREE

by Herb Buch

Summer fishing at Captree this year has been mostly limited to fluke and blues. Since the blues require an offshore trip, with the presence of rough water a distinct possibilty, the family trade patronizes the boats which specialize in fluke. These boats also attract many casual or "spur of the moment" fishermen who delight in the knowledge that tackle is available on these boats and that there is little danger of sea sickness on these trips. In addition, the boats are clean and the mates are generally quite helpful, both of which are necessities on boats catering to beginners and family trade. As you can well imagine, my family has been pleased by the services offered on these fluke trips.

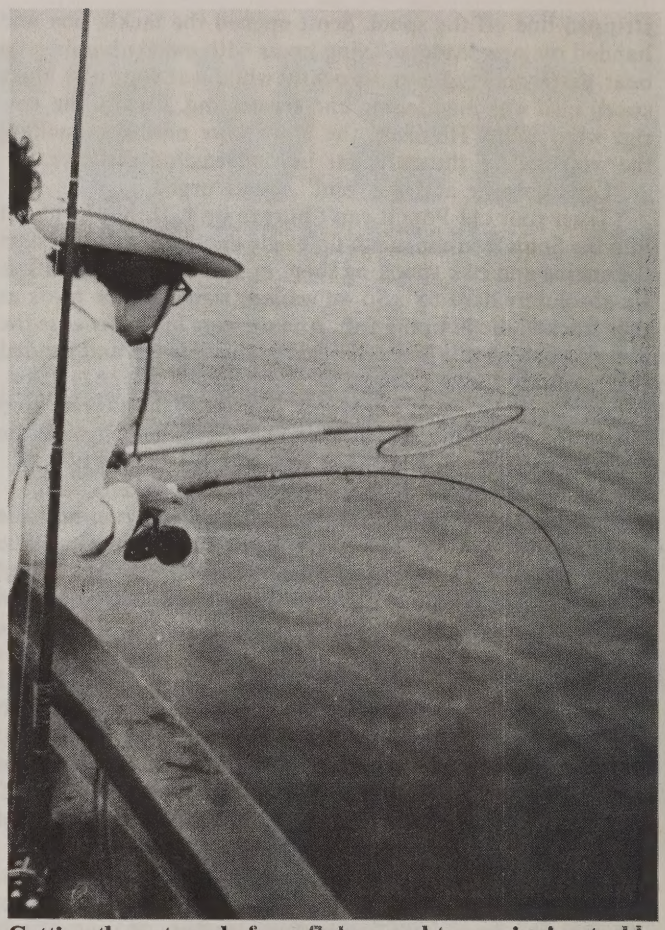
So much for the boat ride; how about the fishing? That depends on the day you are out, and on your fishing knowledge. I cannot predict how the fish will be biting, but there are definitely many ways in which you can increase your chances of scoring on these tasty fish.

The fluke is an active predator which feeds upon almost any smaller animal found in the ocean: they lie on the bottom and grab at anything that swims, crawls or hops into their vicinity. They are not a fast-swimming fish, but they seem to have no trouble in grabbing small fish that come too close to where they are lying. On occasion I have seen groups of fluke chasing small baitfish to the surface of the water over shallow sand bars. However, they usually lurk on the deeper side of the sand bars and at the edge of the channels.

The baits supplied on the boats are usually live killies and strips of squid. Either of these will catch fish independently, but sometimes it seems that a combination of both will work better. Since fluke boats drift with the wind and tide, the most effective way of hooking the killie is by pushing the point of the hook up through both lips from below. This allows him to swim along the bottom as your rig is dragged by the boat.

The squid is hooked similarly by pushing the hook through one end of the strip so that it trails out behind the hook like a creature swimming. I don't know what it looks like, but it does swim enticingly, and it must do something right because the fish like it.

If you use both baits together, hook them the same way that you did when using them individually. The difference is that now you have two baits on one hook. Try all three approaches until you see which one will work best on the day you are out fishing. If your boat offers dead minnows, such as spearing or sand eels, these are rigged the same as live ones. Hook them at the head end by running the hook into one eye and out the other so that they stream out behind the hook like a live minnow.



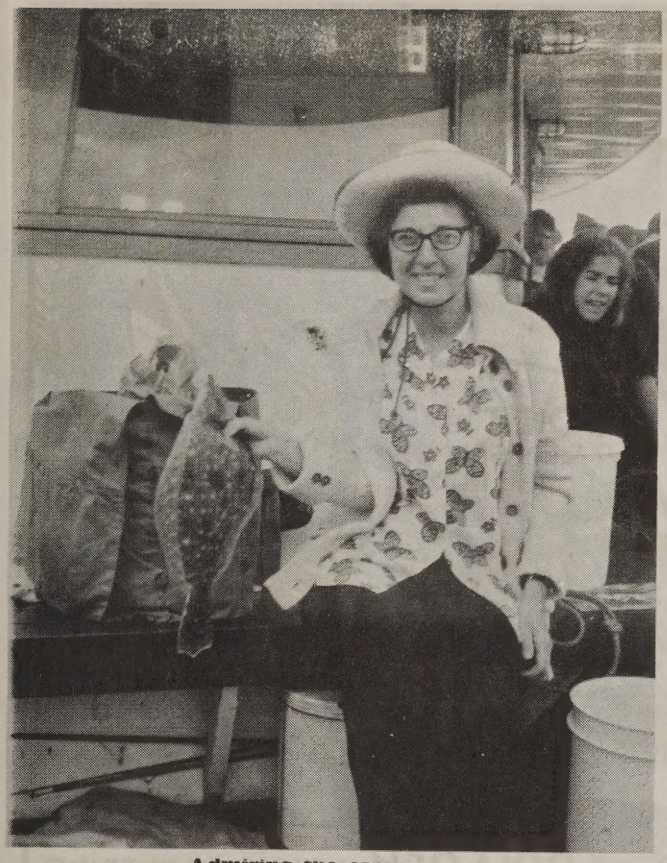
Getting the net ready for a fluke caught on spinning tackle.

You may be wondering at this point about a fish grabbing the tail of the minnow or strip of squid and pulling it off the hook. This may happen, but if you use the drop-back technique it will not happen often.

Many fishermen use a double hook rig (one behind the other) to avoid this problem. I find that such a rig interferes with the natural action of the bait and results in far fewer bites. If a fish grabs the tail of your bait, you will feel a sudden stop or a light jerk. At this point let line feed freely off your reel for a few seconds; let out at least ten feet of line. The reason for this is that if the fluke grabbed the tail of your minnow he will stop on the bottom for a moment, then gulp the rest of it. After you give him time, lift gently, and if you feel his weight on the other end— hook him! This works most of the time, and if you don't hook a fish, blame the whole thing on a crab, then rebait and start all over again. The occasional vigorous bites usually turn out to be sea robins.

Now that you know what to do when you get a bite, the next project is to increase the number of bites you get. Fluke are not the easiest fish to catch. You will notice that some fishermen catch many fish while many others catch few or none. Fluke seem to be wary if the hook is too close to the sinker, or if you use too much hardware. This means that a long leader is necessary. About three feet long is fine, although some people use longer ones. Fluke hooks can be bought with these long leaders.

The hook may be fastened to the line by using a three way swivel about two inches above the sinker.



Admiring the catch...

You may also use an egg sinker or a fish finder rig. When the fluke gulps the bait, your line is loose and pulls freely through the sinker; thus the fish does not become suspicious. I feel that the larger fish may drop the bait.

My last suggestion is more of a complaint in that most hooks sold for fluke fishing are too large. A large hook tears the lips of a live minnow and its weight prevents him from swimming naturally. To get the most action from your bait, use a size #1 hook with a regular length shank.

Hooks are cheap; if a small fluke swallows your hook, cut the leader next to his mouth and release him gently. Many of the short fluke released carefully this year will be good keepers next year. Handled this way, the fish will survive, and you simply tie on a new hook to continue fishing.

If you catch several fish in a row, feel your leader to see if it is fraying. Fluke have sharp teeth and it may be necessary to either use a new leader, or cut off the end and retie your hook. A long shank hook does not prevent this problem, but it does interfere with the action of your bait.

The techniques I have described have helped many people to catch more fluke. There are probably many other methods that would further increase our catches, and I hope that if you have discovered or developed some, you will share them with the rest of us.

If you want to take your wife or children fishing, and at the same time relax in the cool, sea breezes, a fluke trip from Captree is the answer. If you like to sleep late, try the evening trips, leaving at 3:30 P.M. and returning at 8:30 P.M.

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WE ARE HERE!

by Hank Leids

It is hard for me to believe that I actually arose at 3:30 AM to go fishing. Nevertheless, if this was the way to catch fish I was going to give it a try.

John Bitlitsky, a fishing enthusiast of the Babylon Tuna Club, eagerly awaited my arrival at 4:30 AM. With visions of dancing sharks, we joined Frank Marazzo, who was already loading chum and bait on his boat, The Piranha. Harry the Gaff joined us to fill out the crew. Thereafter, we left for the Bayshore dock to join 150 other boats, all eager and determined to win the Mako Shark Tournament.

The gun sounded at 6AM. The armada left, all heading for Fire Island inlet, and then out to sea. Our skipper held back ---something about the wakes. There I was, aboard a 32 foot Pembroke with twin screws, and Frank was concerned about wakes? Perhaps I should have had second thoughts about this trip. Too late! I just hoped it wasn't my wake he was mumbling about.

Two and one half hours, and three Dramamine pills later I heard Frank yell, "We are here!" How did he know just where to stop in this vast area of nothing but water? The skipper wouldn't say; however, being observant, I noticed he had stopped the boat, entered a tiny closet in the cabin, and remained unseen for 10 minutes.

The crew started to chum while I cut up bunker. Eventually, our captain put out the lines and we drew lots for turns at the rods. Naturally, I was last. The way my digestive tract was beginning to feel, I didn't think it would matter. Two minutes before it was my turn, I added my own chum to the slick.

Suddenly...a balloon tied to the line bobbed and then broke away from the line. The skipper yelled for me to get off my knees, put my head back into the boat and grab the outfit. Groggily, I lunged for the rod with the Penn reel.

"No, not that one, stupid, the shark is on this-here line".

With a little help from John I got the right rod, the one with the Penn Senator 6/0 reel loaded with 50 lb. test that was rapidly fleeing into the sea.

Frank's adrenalin must have really been pumping. He retorted with orders, advice, commands, and abusive language, while what I really wanted was to go home or to quietly die in the cabin.

"Get the harness on him!" John hustled away. I was thinking, if the skipper sends Harry for a saddle, I am going to cut the line and hide in the cabin. What the Hell kind of a quiet fishing day is this? Certainly nothing like fishing for flounder and blowfish from a rowboat.

The shark I was fighting did the opposite of sounding. He went straight up! The fish left the water not three feet from the boat. If I had been standing on the flybridge with a piece of fish in my hand, it would have reminded one of Marineland. After the shark fell back into the water I realized how close it had come to Harry's head, which was hanging over the gunnel while duplicating my chumming technique.

Frank was the first to scream "It's a Mako, at least 300 lbs." I'm sure, in his excitement, he was mistaken. Although I had never seen a live shark before, it was at least 700 lbs. and 400 ft. long.

Forty-five minutes later I had the line reeled into the swivel holding the leader. Here was where teamwork and good crewmanship counted. If your crew knows its job, bringing the shark aboard completes the fishing experience.

John had the gloves on backwards and Harry was holding the gaff upside down. The shark looked up at them with a puzzled expression. When "Harry the Gaff" hit the shark on the rump, and the wire leader rubbed along the gunnel, the Mako jiggled his head, the wire snapped and I swear I heard laughter, slowly fading toward the west, as the shark, swimming on his back, clapped his ventral fins!

Bluefish... Hot or Cold

by Claire Glas

In these incredible days when meat is disappearing from the counters and poultry and egg prices are soaring, the fisherman can thank his lucky stars that he chose angling for his sport rather than golf. Not only can he enjoy the pursuit of his favorite hobby, he can provide protein for the family table as well. Right now bluefish are in season; they provide delicious, very nutritious eating. And would you believe blues can also be made into better "tuna fish" salad than the commercially canned tuna itself!

Many people think of bluefish in terms of a "strong" or "gamey" fish. It isn't, if you prepare it correctly. Good tasting bluefish starts with the cleaning.

Begin by filleting the fish, being sure to skin it, too. You will note that there is a streak of dark meat on the outside of each fillet, the part just under the skin. If you like "robust" flavor, you can leave that in. However, most people prefer a more delicately flavored fish and to achieve that end, remove the dark meat with a sharp knife. When you throw out the dark meat, any strong flavor is thrown out with it.

Next, and most important, soak the fillets in a solution of cold, salted water for a while in order to get all the blood out of the meat. It might be necessary to repeat the process until the water runs clean when rinsing the fish. Getting the blood out is the secret of achieving that good tasting bluefish, just as it is in preparing fresh tuna. Let the fish drain, place on a platter, and provide an air-tight cover with plastic wrap. Put it in the refrigerator and allow to chill and firm until such time as you are ready to prepare dinner.

To get the most mileage out of your cooking efforts, you can prepare your hot dinner, plus the makings of a cold salad, plus stock for your freezer, all at the same time

Fill your broiler pan with as many fillets as you can get on it. Sprinkle the fish with lemon juice, dot with butter or margarine, and sprinkle lightly with salt(pepper, too if you like).

An excellent alternative to the butter or margarine is hickory smoked bacon placed in one-inch strips on top of the fish.

Now place sliced onions, preferably Bermudas, and sliced fresh green peppers on top of the fillets. Put them under the broiler and cook for about twenty minutes. Test with a fork and don't overcook.

The fish can be served plain, or with a cold sauce made of a mixture of horseradish and mayonnaise. The amount of horseradish used depends entirely upon individual taste. This simple-to-make piquant sauce transforms your fish into a gourmet-style dinner that will inspire all hands to eat until bursting.

Now for the leftover fish: put aside and refrigerate enough fish to make bluefish salad for sandwiches or salad plates. The cold, cooked fish will keep beautifully for several days so that you don't have to use it for salad immediately if you'd prefer to skip a day with fish on the menu.

When ready to prepare your salad, dice some celery, green pepper, and "live" onions-if you like them in salad. Shred the cooked fish, then mix all ingredients with mayonnaise and even a touch of that horseradish sauce you might have saved in the refrigerator. You'll find bluefish is even better than canned tuna you've been using for tuna salads.

What to do with the rest of the cooked fish? If you haven't discovered the wonders of "meals in minutes", the boilable bag sealer, let me introduce you to it.

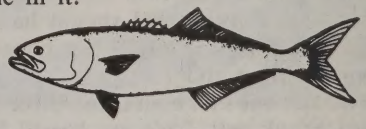
There are probably others on the market, but this particular product is sold by Sears. It is quite inexpensive when compared to the cost of a good pressure canner; even though the plastic bags that are used with it tend to run higher than other forms of wrapping, they are more economical in the long run.

Years ago, when our fishing mainstay during the summer was tuna, we'd can it by the case lots, and in quart jars at that. However, time marches on, and just the thought of the tremendous heat generated by the canner in the long process stimulated an interest in easier methods.

For a fishing family accustomed to using only the best that the sea has to offer, freezing fish in the various freeze-wrap materials did not produce results really satisfactory enough to suit us until the boil-in-bag came along. While it is designed primarily for the freezer-to-pot type of instant meals, it is excellent for freezing, alone. Sealing the bag takes but seconds: no moisture is lost, the flavor of the food is neither lost nor altered by freezing, and the bluefish stay firm after defrosting.

So, take the rest of your cooked bluefish, divide them into the amounts normally used for salad, place in the bags, then seal and store them in your freezer for future reference. What a worksaver!

All you have to do is defrost a bag until the fish is sufficiently workable, and proceed to make salad as before. You'll be way ahead of the game, as the salad will be cold and ready for use. Best of all, your pocket won't have a hole in it!



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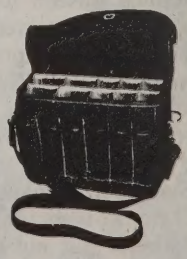

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Teeth, Fins & Gills

by Bill Bornscheur

The bright summer morning emerged clean and fresh, leaving the night only a soft black memory. The sea rippled under the caress of a gentle southwest breeze and filled us with promise.

Aboard the Lucky Strike III an eager crop of sleepy fishermen impatiently waited to wet their lines and to feel the surge of a good fish. We ran well into the stain water, shut down the throbbing engine, and prepared for our first drift.

Chum splashed into a tan sea and the men lining the rail tensed, anticipating the first strike. Today there was no long wait; the big choppers buzzed through the oily slick and fishermen yelled and whooped as bluefish nailed their baits. The mad bluefish frenzy was on in earnest, and puking, thrashing fish were slung onboard amongst shouts and laughter. Our party was having a ball. The fish were in the 10 lb. class, and often a line would pop like the crack of a whip. A ratio was rapidly developing: more beer, more broken lines. I was mating on this trip and I remember going below to get more hooks when I spotted this one fellow. He had a big blue grabbed behind the gills and I could plainly see the hook embedded in its lower jaw. I couldn't believe what I saw next.

The guy slipped his thumb along the shank of the hook, attempting to dislodge it. The bluefish bit down with a vengeance and the poor soul literally turned white. Blood poured from the cut and pain was written all over his face. The fish just held fast.

After the fish's jaws had been pried open we could see the teeth had cut to the bone and we now had one very sick man to contend with, so sick that we broke off our chum line to return home. One beautiful day ruined, and a visit to the hospital for our unlucky friend.

Man bites fish, nothing new; fish bites man, different story with painful ending. Accidents such as this happen every year, and go to prove you can't be to careful when handling fish like the "bloodthirsty" chopper.

This year many fishermen will boat fish they can't identify, fish that can possibly cause them harm. Remember before you wrap your hand around a fish or stick a finger into its mouth, be sure it's safe.

Not only teeth but the fins of fish can inflict injury. Sharp spines can easily puncture a finger or go through your hand or foot.

Fish are covered with mucous that protects them and makes it easier for them to swim. This slime, when entering your body through a wound, can cause serious infection and pain.

In certain areas of the world fish are equipped with poisonous spines; one such creature is the Stone fish, which can kill you if you step on it. Fortunately, most of these poisonous species are located in tropical waters.

The mako shark has some of the most vicious looking teeth of any fish in the ocean.

One poisonous fish in our northern waters is the Northern Stingray. This nasty character is armed with a long, venomous tail and saw-toothed spines on it's dorsal surface. It grows to 12 feet-including tail!

Another member of the ray family is the Atlantic Torpedo, which ranges from Maine to Cuba. This fish grows big, and specimens 200 pounds in weight and 5 feet in length have been reported. This wonderful fellow can produce an electric shock powerful enough to knock a man down. I once watched a man pick up one of these electric rays in Jamaica. The fish was small, about 12 inches in length, but the shock it

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generated sent the poor guy jumping and his right arm remained numb for some minutes after.

The well-known striped bass can really get the unwise fisherman. Bass are equipped with extremely strong, sharp, dorsal spines that can easily puncture a hand. Be careful of the other fins on a bass as they, too, contain needle sharp spines. The striper also has razor sharp gill covers. When picking up a bass, carefully slide your hands or fingers well up under the gill towards the mouth; you can then safely remove a hook or show him off.

The powerful blackfish is endowed with super-strong jaws and a set of white, chisel-like teeth to match. Blacks feed on mussels and hard crustaceans, and will have no problem with your tender little fingers.

This year, the tasty bottom-dwelling fluke has returned in good numbers and fishermen are cashing in on the "flatties". The fluke is easily handled, but possesses a fine set of teeth on each side of its mouth. When removing the hook from these flatfish, make sure you have a good grip.

The larger varieties of salt water fish have their dangerous areas, but even the smaller species such as the blowfish can take a nasty bite from the unwary. The blowfish, comical as he may appear, has a strong pair of jaws and hard, beak-like teeth that resemble the mouth of a turtle.

Another strange appearing fish often caught with the blows is the sea robin. Sea robins are covered with spine-like points which make unhooking the fish something of a chore. Two bottom dwellers, the porgy and the bergall (cunner), can stick the fisherman easily, mainly because they are small and it is difficult to maintain a firm grip.

One major problem with removing a hook or plug is that the fish occasionally refuses to cooperate; sometimes they will clamp down and the mouth must be pried open, or the jaws cut with a knife. At times a stubborn fish will suddenly open up, but don't be tempted to try a quick visit inside his mouth; better get at the hook from behind the gill.

When handling large fish such as striped bass and bluefish, a good idea is to stun them by rapping the fish on the skull with a club. This keeps the fish from thrashing about and makes for quick and easy hook removal. For extremely large and powerful fish like sharks, it is a good idea to shoot them (in the water), if you must keep them.

While fishing, keep boated fish out of the way, don't leave your catch to flop around underfoot. Store fish in a fishbox, bucket, or keep them on a fish stringer. When you have a struggling fish boated, don't attempt to grab it by hand; first pin the fish down with your foot or some other handy object. If children are present don't let them play around with the catch. Kids, in their excitement, quickly forget the possible danger.

When landing fish always use a net or gaff: with some fish it pays to use gloves. Frequently, a hook is deep inside the throat or mouth of the fish and, if so, a hook disgorger is the answer. If a disgorger is not handy, try a knife. When short shank hooks are used it is sometimes best to cut the line and retrieve it later.

Many accidents occur when cleaning and scaling the catch, not only from knife wounds, but from slipping due to the slime, slicing the skin open on the gills, or by getting stabbed from the needle sharp spines. During the cleaning keep the fish from sliding around. There are commercial fish clamps on the market, or you can make your own. Either way, it will save you both time and trouble in the future.

Become familiar with the various fish in your area and handle the dangerous ones with care. Good fishing.

ANDREA DORIA

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O'Shaugnessy or Eagle Claw type. It should be snelled onto a leader of no less than 50 pound test leader material.

Carry a large assortment of sinkers ranging in weights from 10 to 20 ounces. You will be donating some of them to the bottom, so bring along plenty.

Also bring Diamond jigs in a variety of sizes with you; the 10 through 16 ounce range is fine. If baitfishing slows up, then bouncing a Diamond jig on the bottom may be the answer.

If you are prone to sea sickness, this trip is not for you. You will be fishing in the ocean for many hours, and there will be many times when the ocean will kick up, even in the summer. You can be pretty miserable when sea sick on the water for long hours. Dramamine and other motion discomfort pills alleviate the symptoms of sea sickness, and are a good thing to have handy.

A good container to store your fish in after they have been caught rounds out the necessities required for this trip. If you find that the local fishing is rather lackluster, then a trip of this type is just what the doctor ordered. It is novel and it is exciting.

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South Shore Report

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Al Urban of Al & Mary's Motel has been taking his charters to fish on the south side of the Point. He has been using plugs on both the bass and the blues that have been there. He has been scoring on both species and has brought in quite a few fish up to fifteen pounds.

Mrs. Tuma of Tuma's Tackle Shop reports the open boats are doing well on the cod at Cox's Ledge. There are several open boats that are fluke fishing and they come in with consistently good catches of fish. The bluefishing at the Southwest Ledge has been good for everybody fishing there. Mrs. Tuma also mentioned that there are flounders being caught at the harbor jetties.

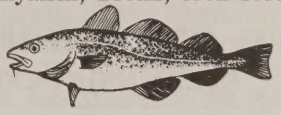
Capt. Richard Rade reports that this past week again saw fantastic fishing on the Marlin III. With 40 fares aboard on Friday, 450 fish were taken. Seventy of these were 30 lbs. and over. First prize was taken by Hector Ocasio of Manhattan with a 64½ lb. monster. Second prize was

The Rev. Nickolas Terezakis with the 56 lb. cod he took aboard the Peconic Queen II.

taken by Anna Domyalski of the Bronx with a 55 lb. cod. Everyone went home happy with a big catch of fish.

"The Race is the place for bluefish," reports Capt. Brad Glas of

Two giant cod that took 1st and 2nd pools aboard the Marlin III August 21. First prize for a 64½ lb. cod (left) went to Hector Ocasio of Manhattan; a 55 lb. cod (right) caught by Anna Domyalski, Bronx, took second.



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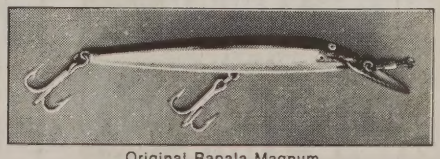

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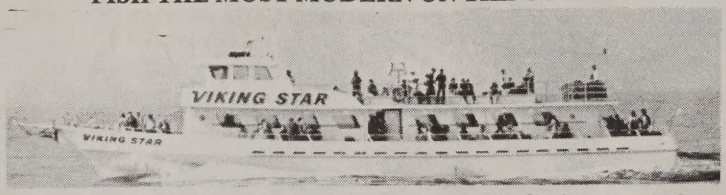

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Tom Callahan of Edison, N.J. with the 13½ lb. fluke he took aboard the Viking Starlite on one of her half-day trips.

the Hel-Cat Fleet. Both the Hel-Cat and the Helen II have been doing fantastic on the bluefish in the Race all week, also picking up an occasional bass. Brad said that to accommodate the holiday anglers the Helen II will sail all three days of the Labor Day weekend from 12:30-7:00 P.M. to the Race. Codfishing at Cox's Ledge is still running hot and heavy, reports from the Viking Star say.

Montauk's fluke bonanza is petering out but fish are still available, according to John Keller of the Lake Montauk Marina. The fish have left all rips, with the exception of the North Rip, and moved to the south side beaches of the Point. Large fluke are being taken due south of the Point in 60-70 feet of water. Great Eastern Rock is producing very good catches of large porgies and a mix of some nice sea bass. Trollers are also making good catches of stripers in the Great Eastern area. Offshore fishing is producing white marlin, tuna and sharks. John weighed in four white marlin from 45-60 lbs. over the weekend that were taken 20 miles south of the Point. A few school tuna are being trolled on the way out, as close in as 8 miles from the Point. Many brown, blue and a few mako sharks are being chummed south-southeast of the Point. Clam chummers are doing well with bass south of the lighthouse around

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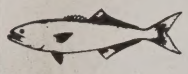

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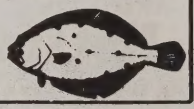

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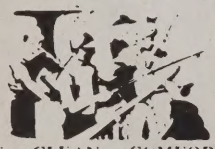

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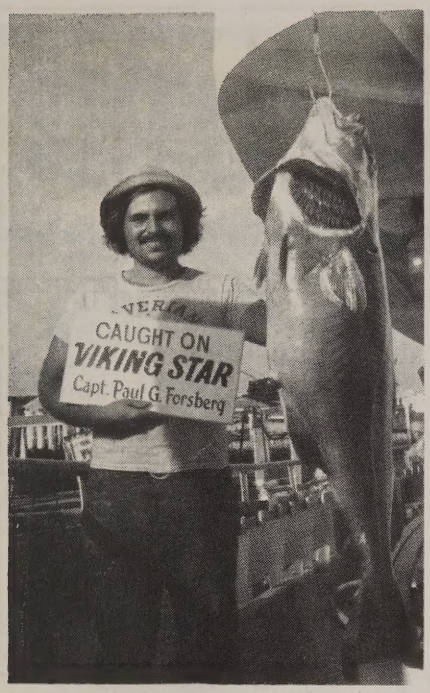

Joseph Deltito of Brooklyn with the pool winning 61 lb. cod he caught aboard the Viking Star on August 17.

Caswell's.

The Viking Skipper captained by Bud Dorman is porgy fishing south of Gardiner's Island. He says the fishing is very good with high hook a neck and neck race. On Saturday, Miguel Figueroa had 125 porgies while hot on his heels was Betty MacPherson with 116. Bud said he will be sailing a half hour earlier now, 5:30 A.M. instead of 6:00 A.M.

Les Behan of the Peconic Queen II has been fishing Cox's Ledge and returns to dock with consistently big fish of from 40 to 50 pounds. An example of this good fishing was Albert C. Flanim of Bellrose, N.Y. who had a 53 pound codfish as a pool winner.

PROMISED LAND

Art Brand of the Promised Land Fishing Station says the porgy fishing is still very good. The porgies are running about ¾ to 1¼ lbs., with an occasional 2 pounder. A bushel or better is about an average catch. The weakfishing is a hit or miss thing, with the hits being very good. Fluke fishing has slacked off but the striped bass fishing is picking up to take its place. Knowledgeable fishermen fishing either the shore or from boats are picking up school sized bass.

SAG HARBOR

Helen Jacobsen of the Noyac Marina said that the "two old men, Russ and Marcel, did it again." They came in with 72 weakfish up to 3 lbs. They were fishing off Long Beach using worms and squid. Helen said the fish are there but you have to do a little work to catch them. Porgy fishing is very good. The rip off Jessups Neck has been producing blues for those using Diamond jigs.

Bayview Tackle & Bait reports the

Richard and Ray Warno of Garden City with their bushel of porgies, 2 sea bass and 45 weakfish they took out of the Promised Land Fishing Station.

porgies and the weaks are at the South Ferry. Dan McLane said the weakfishing was better at the west side of North Haven by the Monastery. Drifting with squid or a shrimp lure does well. Blues are a picky situation.

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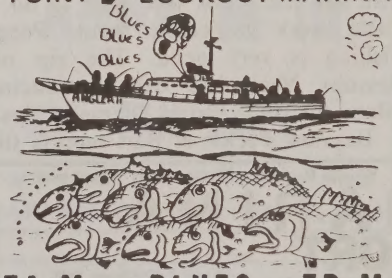

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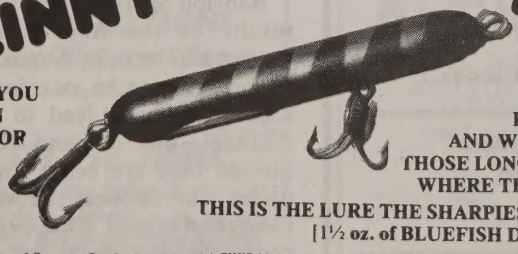
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Ann Caton and her daughter, Dawn, with some of the snapper blues they caught at East Channel in Shinnecock Bay.

Capt. Clark II says the porgy fishing has been excellent all week. He has had loads of fish for all his fares. His son, Capt. Clark Bellows, Jr., on the Capt. Clark I has been weakfishing all week with very good catches of fish. Due to the heavy boat traffic over the weekend the fishing slowed somewhat.

Altemkirch & Son Tackle Shop reports very good offshore fishing. Some big tuna were caught along with some dolphins. The fluke fishing in Shinnecock Bay is doing well and the flounder fishing is picking up.

HAMPTON BAYS

Ted DiCastri of the Three Aces Fishing Center says that the fluke were all over the inlet. Anglers were catching fluke on the outside while drifting over the bar. Trolling the inlet with squid and shiners is getting fluke from 5 to 6 lbs. Weaks and porgies are being caught on the Peconic side of the canal. Ted told us that the boat Broker caught a 32 lb. dolphin and a 203 lb. tuna.

Tony's Fishing Station reports the fluke fishing is strong. Tony said that he did not see too many doormats but there are more than enough 4 or 5 lb. fluke to make up for it. Smelts and squid strips are very good baits, with live killies being excellent. Tony said to try fishing between Buoys #17 to #20 or over by the Coast Guard Station.

MORICHES BAY

B & B Tackle Shop reports that some tuna were caught in 110 to 115 feet of water this past week. On

Saturday the private boat Rogue had four sharks, a blue, brown, dusky and a mako. They also caught some bonito and bluefis There are a lot of snappers in the bay. Fluke fishing slowed somewhat during the week while the flounders seem to be starting.

Skidmore's Fishing Station reports that the fishing is for fluke and flounder mixed. Some weaks are being taken as well as some kingfish. Snappers are throughout the bay. The private boats are picking up blues in the ocean.

The Silly Lily Fishing Station reports that fluke were plentiful at Buoys #38 and 39. The old inlet channel is starting to pick up some fluke action. Snappers are plentiful while weakfish are good when they are found. Outside of the inlet the offshore trollers are getting bluefish.

MASTIC

Keenan's Fishing Station reports that the fluke and weakfish have slowed, however, the determined angler who really loves to fish can find some action. Snapper fishing is just great off the dock, the beach or from a boat. Blue claw crabs are nice and big and they are fairly plentiful. Patter-squash Creek and the Forge River area are good spots to try. Some bluefish are being caught in the bay but not in any great quantities.

WEST SAYVILLE

South Bay Fishing Station said the weakfishing is doing very well. Squid bait and shrimp lures fished east of Buoy #30 will bring in anywhere from ½ dozen to 20 fish. Kingfishing is improving on a daily basis. Fluke and porgies are around Buoy #30. Blue claw crabs are being caught off the docks while at the jetty the variety includes weakfish, kings, fluke and bluefish.

CAPTREE

The Captain Joseph Fleet is doing extra good on the bluefish both day and night. All the fares are coming in with plenty of fish. The fluke fishing has improved greatly now that the grass is gone from the bay. The fluke are bigger now and there are more of them.

Capt. Hubert of the Speedy V reports the bluefishing has picked up both day and night with catches running well above the average. During mid-week a 125 lb. tuna was taken in a bluefish chum slick.

The charter boat Yankee, skippered by Capt. Bob Patafio, has been doing very well with both blues and fluke. Good catches were made over the weekend.

Capt. George Tweedy of the Capt. Scotty says the bluefishing has been good all week long. George reports some very heavy catches being made by his fares. Saturday and Sunday's catches dropped off somewhat because of the boat traffic.

The Captree Bait Station reports that the pier fishermen are doing very well on fluke and weakfish. The grass has cleared out of the channels and the fishing is now more enjoyable. Although the pier fishermen are not fishing especially for bluefish, they are catching some up to 10 lbs.

Capt. Charles Bauer of the Capt. Whittaker has been out everyday and has been coming in with plenty of fluke. The grass is at a minimum now and the fish can get at the bait. The fluke are getting bigger and they are also more plentiful.

BABYLON

Babylon Sports Center said that the results of the fresh water fishing contest will be in by August 31 as well as the prizes to be awarded. Kingfish are being caught lead to Snake Hill Channel and around Buoy #30. Striped bass are being chummed up under the Robert Moses Bridge. George also said that by running a course of 155 degrees out of the inlet to 100 feet of water, you should be into good shark fishing.

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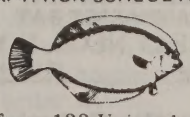
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John Schaefer of Charlie's Bait & Tackle reports that the boat My Dad has been doing very well on the bluefish. On Thursday 61 blues were taken by five fares. These fish went to 12 pounds. They were using the product Canachum because of the shortage and it works very well. John told of an 86 lb. marlin that was caught by Jack Speco south of Moriches in 65 ft. of water. The bay is loaded with big crabs. Porgies are at the Sore Thumb and stripers and fluke are in the State Channel. Weakfish are in the State Channel and at Hemlock Cove.

Charlie's West reports snappers are unbelievable at all the docks. There are plenty of fluke in the State Channel near Grass Island. You can have all the blues you want by chumming and trolling in the ocean. Blue claw crabs are available by the flats. Weakfish are coming back with some to 4 or 6 lbs.

AMITYVILLE

Mrs. Combs at the Tackle Shop said the snappers are excellent. The weakfish are coming back strong. Blue claw crabbing is rated as very good. Fluke fishing is good in the back of the bay. Mrs. Combs reported that Bill Beato and his son, Jimmy, came in with 15 large fluke from this area.

Marty of Sportackular reported that he found the offshore fishing slow but he expects this fishing to improve. Some small dolphin were caught. Marty heard a report of some anglers catching bonito in 70 to 80 ft. of water. The back bay fishing is quiet, according to Marty.

SEAFORD

Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station reports that the fluke that are being caught are fewer, however, most are keepers or larger. Schoolie stripers are being caught at the Wantagh Bridge or in the State Channel on clam chum and clam bellies. These fish are being taken in the very early A.M. before any boat traffic starts. Capt. Eddie said that if you can find the holes where the flounders are hiding, plenty of them can be had.

Carmine of Dell's Fishing Station reports that every boat comes in with 2 or 4 fluke each. It seems that these cold mornings are better for the flounder than the fluke. Crabs are running big but the catches are slowing. Carmine says to remember to throw back the females with the

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orange sponge on their shell. Some weakfish are being caught from Zach's Bay to the 2nd bridge. Jim Durso caught a 13½ pound fluke in the Sloop Channel drifting with shiners and squid.

Lon Wanser, Jr. said that the fishing is very good all over. Fluke fishing is fantastic throughout the bay. Crabbing is good off the docks and in the bay. Clam chumming around the bridges is producing lots of schoolies as well as an occasional big one. Snappers are plentiful and there are some pretty big ones around.

Bob at the Whaleneck Marina said the boats are coming in with from one to nine bluefish taken from the bay. There are plenty of snappers all over. Fluke are more plentiful due to the fact that those being caught are keepers. Crabs are coming in stronger. Bob said he was going out with his partner Ron to check on the weakfishing, which reportedly is picking up.

WANTAGH

Frank Hecker of the Causeway Bait & Tackle reports that the kingfish that we have been waiting for all year are at Jones Beach. Plugging and drifting live eels is bringing in striped bass at the West End. The fluke are small but most are keepers. Wantagh Park has very good snapper fishing.

N.Y. Bight Report

FREEPORT

Capt. Richie Kessinger of the party boat Star Stream said Cholera Banks was the hot spot in the earlier part of the week. Later in the week the action swung over to an area approximately 9 miles southeast by south of Jones Inlet. Richie said that on Saturday the fishing was slow most of the day, but late in the day the fishing broke wide open and could only be referred to as a slaughter. Unfortunately it was approaching 5 P.M. and fishing time was limited.

Capt. Jim Zook of the Capt. Jim V has been fishing the Bay of Fundy area and the Meadowbrook Bridge. Chumming with clams has produced striped bass to 9 pounds. Jim says that he is taking only four people at a time now to insure better fishing.

Capt. Al Lindroth of the Capt. Al reports fishing this week mostly in the

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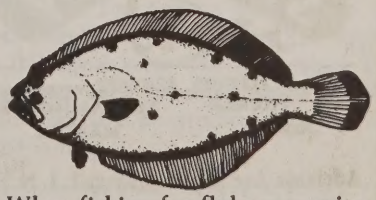

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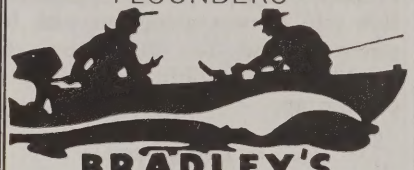

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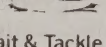

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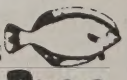

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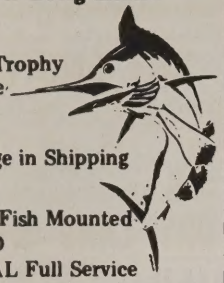

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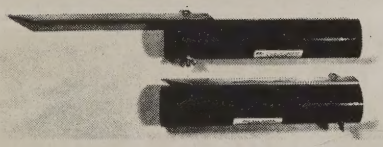

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area of Cholera Banks. On Friday Capt. Al found the fish in the area of the Rainbow Grounds which has been a very prolific fishing grounds for codfish in recent years. Capt. Al said his fares had leap job catches at the Rainbow Grounds which lie about 9 miles south southeast of Jones Inlet. On Sunday, because of heavy traffic, the Capt. Al fished on Cholera in the morning, then moved east in the afternoon to top off the bags. Capt. Butch Gasper, who skippers the Capt. Al for night blues, has been loading up with blues fishing south southeast of Jones Inlet, with catches ranging as high as 20 to 30 blues per man.

POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. Art White of the Point Lookout Angler II said he has been encountering good bluefishing in the area of Cholera Banks and east of Cholera. Another hot spot over the weekend was south southeast of Jones Inlet where Capt. White reports a large concentration of fish. Boats fishing this area have been spread out, with some boats fishing a mile or two apart. All boats enjoyed good results. The Angler II has also been catching a ½ dozen or so bonito on each trip. The highlight of Sunday's trip was a 25 lb. tuna which was landed and another which broke off.

Ed Wardle of Ed's Fishing Station reports fluke fishing is good in Middle Bay and Reynolds Channel, also in Jones Inlet. Snappers are abundant throughout the bay. A few blackfish are beginning to show around the bridges and also the jetty. Ed said flounders can still be caught in Swift Creek and also at the Coast Guard Station. Middle Bay and the various creeks off the main channel have been yielding good catches of blue claw crabs.

ISLAND PARK

John Esposito of the Commodore Fishing Station reports Reynolds Channel is loaded with snappers which can be caught from almost any pier. John also knew of a few weaks which were caught off Long Beach Hospital. For clam chummers, the Atlantic Beach Bridge continues to yield school bass. John said Capt. Clem Esposito of the party boat Commodore continues to catch nice sized fluke and also some sea bass, mostly off the Rockaways.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller of Henning's Fishing Station reports many tuna in the area of the Mud Hole, however, these fish are very spooky and refuse to hit a bait unless it is presented on light line. Blues can be trolled off Rockaway and also Buoy #4. On Saturday, Al Monaco of Ozone Park, fishing with two friends in Debs Inlet, managed 19 keeper fluke. The largest went 8¼ lbs. Also on Saturday, Jerry O'Keefe caught approximately 40 blue claw crabs in Woodmere Bay. Leon said school bass are plentiful at the Atlantic Beach Bridge, with average catches going 6 to 8 fish. Chumming with clam bellies has been the method.

JAMAICA BAY

Thelma Noehren of Noehren's Fishing Station reports continued excellent snapper fishing from both the North and South Bridges. Crabbing is good from the North Bridge with trap fishermen catching 2 to 3 dozen crabs a day. Small sand porgies can be caught from the Rockaway seawall. Stripers can be caught from the bridges at night on sandworms. Boat fishermen continue to find good action drifting for fluke at the Marine Bridge.

Tony of the Canarsie Pier Fishing Station said fluke action has been red hot. On Thursday, Carlo Soto landed eight fluke up to 4 lbs. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Frank and Joe Milo were in their thirties with fluke up to 4 lbs. on each day. The hot spots for fluke have been Buoys #32-26 and the mouth of Mill Basin. Tony said the area around the pier is loaded with snappers, and crabbers have been catching 3 to 4 dozen blue claws a day.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Capt. Jim Ardolino of the Amberjack IV said bluefishing has been excellent in the area off Seabright, N.J. Capt. Jim reports blues up to 16 lbs. being caught both day and night in this same area. The Amberjack IV has also been catching some bonito and tuna as a by-product of the good bluefishing.

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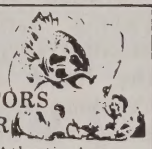

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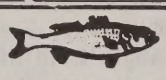

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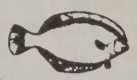
BAIT  **BOATS**
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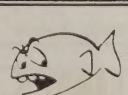

Each year the U.S. produces enough garbage to bury the state of Rhode Island under FOUR FEET of waste.

George Gnad of the Bay End Rowboat Station said the Tin Can Grounds are loaded with porgies in the 1 lb. class. Some stripers and blues are also being trolled and jigged at Tin Can. Night fishermen are catching bass at the Round House by chumming. Fluke are plentiful in the channels. George reports some weaks are being caught at the Marine Bridge on worms. Crabbing has been excellent in the area of Gerritsen Creek and Dead Horse Bay.

Mike's Tackle reports loads of snappers in the bay. For the fisherman interested in the larger variety, party boats are loading up on blues at Seabright, N.J., also the Ambrose area and the N.C. Buoy. Tuna up to 60 lbs. are available at the B.A. Buoy and also the Mud Hole. Mike reports weighing in a few stripers caught off Rockaway by surfcasters.

Mike Lee of the Stella Maris Fishing Station said porgy fishing is excellent at Tin Can Grounds, with fish in excess of 2 lbs. being caught. Mike also knew of some blues and bass which were trolled on tubes and Bingle Banasas in the area of Norton's Point.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop reports excellent surf fishing for the smaller species such as fluke, sand porgies, snappers, pilot fish and spots. For the fisherman who has never heard of spots, don't feel embarrassed. I have been fishing for 24 of my 30 years and I never heard of them either. Lenny said they resemble a croaker with a black spot and weigh about ¼ to ½ pound each. Lenny said they can be caught along any beach on Staten Island and the fishermen are loading up. For the better known species such as weaks, blues and striped bass, the surf fishing has been slow. Lenny reports that fishermen have been trolling blues at Middle Grounds off Princess Bay and also off Annadale. Some weakfish were reported earlier in the week off Hoffman Island. Bait fishermen continue to take weaks drifting worms off Annadale.

SANDY HOOK

Joe Julian of the Julian Bait Co. reports excellent bluefishing in the Seabright and Shrewsbury areas. Joe said all the boats working this area are returning with catches of big blues up to 16 and 17 pounds. Joe said big fluke are also being taken off the Jersey shore along with some weakfish.

North Shore Report

GREENPORT

Capt. Bill Jensen of the Wilhelric was at the A.P. White Bait Shop and he reported that he is fishing for porgies on the east side of Gardiner's Island. He reported that his catches have been very good. He also mentioned that they are taking striped bass by trolling surgical tubes at both Plum Gut and the Sluiceway.

Art White reported the porgy fishing is so good in the Sound that they have a tough time getting anyone to work, as they are fishing for profit. Art also reported that the bluefishing is picking up. Art said the bluefish would take anything—bucktails, jigs or surge tubes—either thrown at them, trolled or jigged. Many bluefish of from 10 to 15 pounds have been taken. Blackfishing is just fair but it will improve.

SOUTHOLD

The Port of Egypt report from Sue Hubbard was that the bay is full of porgies. Sue said that some of the better spots were the South Ferry and Buoy #17. Sue said that not just at the Ferry, but the whole area from Buoy #14 to #16 is producing very well. The porgies are running about the size of a man's hand. Sue mentioned weakfish of about 2 to 3 lbs. which are still being caught at Buoy #18.

Mary Morris of the Southold Fishing Station reports that the porgy fishing is very good at Buoys #16, 17 and 18. Some weakfish are mixed in with these fish and they are of a fair size. Some blues of about 1½ to 2 lbs. were jigged at these same buoys.

NEW SUFFOLK

Sal at Capt. Marty's Fishing Station said the porgy fishing is fantastic. Anglers are using worms and skimmers on them. Sal said the weakfishing is tremendous when you can find them. He said the most productive spots were Rose Grove and Cow's Neck. The weakfish have also moved into Cutchogue Harbor. The Middle Grounds and the South Race are producing bluefish for the trollers.

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Ralph's Fishing Station reported the porgy fishing is very good both

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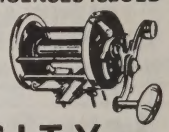

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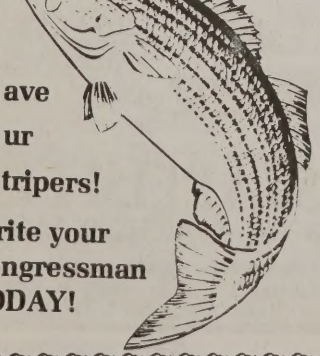

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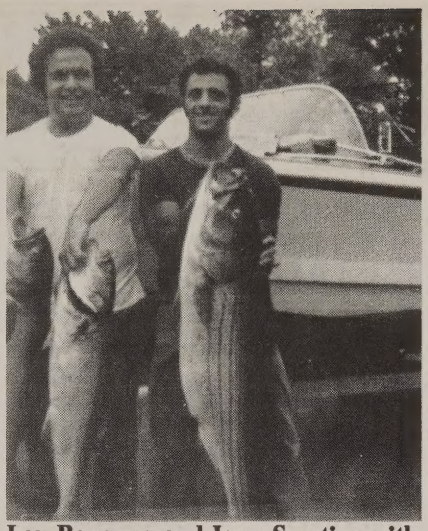
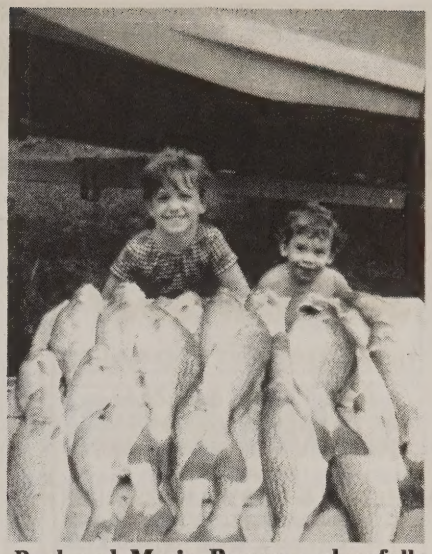


Lou Bonanno and Jerry Scortino with the 48 lb. bass and two of the fifteen bluefish they took along the beaches of Glen Cove on August 19.



Paul and Marie Bonanno cheerfully pose with the 35 weakfish to 8 lbs. their father Lou caught in Glen Cove.

inside and outside of the harbor. There are plenty of one pound porgies but they have been running to two pounds in the Sound. The eel grass is still producing stripers for those who are casting poppers, but trollers working the high tide with June Bug spinners and a worm are also doing well. Ralph said that the blues were good all week, however, this action slowed on Saturday and practically stop-ped on Sunday.

PORT JEFFERSON

Earl Dietrich of Queensland Cove Tackle reported that there are snappers all over, both inside and outside the harbor. The porgies are plentiful and they are getting bigger. Striped bass to 24 inches are being caught on floating worms at Stony Brook and Mount Sinai Harbor as well as at Conscience Bay. A few stripers are also being caught on live eels. Earl said the bluefish have been hitting the beach in the early morning (4 or 5 A.M.) before the boat traffic starts. One of those fish was caught by Nick Posa, a 14 lb. bluefish, taken on a blue Rebel swimmer. Nick had 10 lb. test line on his reel and it took him 35 minutes to land the fish.

Charlie Caraftis reported the trollers off of Crane's Neck were getting big blues all week. Using wire line to get the umbrella rigs and surgical tubes down turned the trick. Also, during the week the West Meadow Beach and Stony Brook was hit in the early A.M. and P.M. by big blues and the surfcasters had a ball with them. Both the trollers and casters were picking up 8 to 12 lb. blues. On Sunday the trollers were hitting the bluefish at Buoy #11. Snappers and porgies are all over according to Charlie.

Capt. John Fischer of the Betty W had a super day all around. John had a 14-man charter aboard and they wound up with over 200 bluefish of 6 to 12 pounds.

SMITHTOWN

Harold of the Beacon Fishing Station reported there were snappers all over and everyone was having a ball catching them. Bluefish were taken at Sunken Meadow by trollers. Trolling surgical tube lures was producing fish of from 7 to 9 pounds.

NORTHPORT

Ted Bowman reported that there are plenty of blues but you must work for them. Trollers out in the Sound are now trying chumming while trolling. Scotty rigs and umbrella or coat hanger rigs are trolled while a box of Canachum with holes punched in it is towed over the stern. On the inside the jigging is producing better results than the trolling. Finding the deeper holes in the harbor and jigging them is producitve.

The Chainlocker reports the porgy fishing is very heavy. Snappers are all over the harbor. Northport Bay has blues to 5 and 6 pounds.

HUNTINGTON

The Ever Ready Fleet reported they are having good crowds for their trips and everyone is having a ball fishing for snappers and porgies which are quite plentiful.

The Four Winds Tackle Shop reported that trolling with umbrella rigs or surgical tubes on wire line is getting bluefish off Eaton's Neck.

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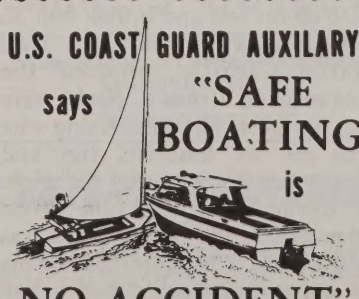

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COLD SPRING HARBOR

Veterans Fishing Station reports there are plenty of blues throughout the harbor. Trolling Lloyd and Whitewood Points with tubes and umbrella rigs is the thing. Porgies are all around and they are getting bigger. Worm drifters are picking up school sized bass along the east shore. A few fluke have been picked up by the porgy fishermen.

GLEN COVE

John Cacciola of the Glen Cove Sports Shop reports that the blues are both inside and outside and they are going from 7 lbs. and up. When these fish are cut open they are full of mossbunker. Porgies are still around and doing well. The Glen Cove beaches are being hit occasionally by bluefish.

FLUSHING BAY

Rudy at the Skyline Marina reports the bluefishing has dropped off some but are still around for the determined angler. Trolling black tubes between the Throggs Neck and Whitestone Bridges is the ticket. Rudy says these fish are in the 10-13 lb. range and that they are fat and healthy.

CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait & Tackle reported there are many blues past the Whitestone Bridge. The Shamrock out of New Rochelle decked over 200 choppers on Sunday. The pool fish went 15 lbs. These fish were all chummed. There are lots of porgies off Orchard Beach, Hart's Island and Fort Slocum. There are plenty of bass to be had, says Jack, but everyone's after the blues. The open boats Theresa L III, North Star and Apache III, all of City Island, have excellent porgy fishing with the blackfish starting to come in stronger. Lots of snappers are around. Porgies and blacks are the mainstay.

Rosenberger's Boat House tells us that there are plenty of porgies in this area. Blues are available at the Whitestone Bridge and a few are available at Execution Light. A lot of short bass (return them, please) and even a few fluke are being taken from the Rosenberger skiffs.

CONNECTICUT SCENE

DICK ALLEY

Last Tuesday proved to be a most educational day. I was among a group of sportswriters, anglers and ecologists invited aboard a menhaden boat to see a purse seining operation first hand.

Our host, David Clarke, V-P of Seacoast Marine Products Inc., proved to be most courteous and congenial. While the crew of the TIDELAND carried out a seining operation netting approximately 20 ton of menhaden, he answered all of our questions. We even feasted on a fantastic meal aboard before the day ended. Having found my weak spot in the form of good food, I can only conclude that Mr. Clarke is a very nice guy, but I came away even stronger in my belief that the bunker boats should be outlawed in Long Island Sound.

The efficiency of that operation was astounding, and will be detailed along with the many photos I took in a later article.

Later in the week the facts were made even clearer concerning the end result of the bunker disappearance. Two extremely reliable fishing friends told of incidents encountered by themselves during the week.

One was fishing blues off of Milford when the chopper he was playing was attacked by three other blues only a few feet from the boat. All that was left was the head.

The other was bass fishing in the Norwalk Islands, and the minute his popper hit the water it was pounded upon by not one, two, but three school stripers all at the same time. THESE FISH ARE HUNGRY!

WESTCHESTER

At Cameron's Boats in New Rochelle the word is lots of porgies and flounders. Blues are big but not plentiful. Porgies are near Glen Island. A few big bass are still coming in, with a 36 pounder top fish of the week last Sunday.

The Mamaroneck Fishing Station also regards porgies as their mainstay at this time. Best porgy fishing can be found around Hen Island.

Bass fishing is slow but few anglers are trying for schoolies. Blues are only very occasional at this time.

At Point Tackle in Rye, Dan Catalano reports good fishing down by

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GREENWICH

We spoke with Dave at the Sportsmen's Den in Greenwich and he reported the Steamboat Road is hot with blues hitting bunker and mackerel. One angler took a mixed bag of weaks, fluke to 3 lbs., and harbor blues, all on bucktails in the Cove. Peter Haney took a 25 lb. bass on cut bait in the Cove. It's wall to wall sea robins, along with porgies on the bottom, plus a big bunch of sand sharks being taken here.

STAMFORD

Carole Chirillo at Pat's Marina told of three anglers who left the dock for only two hours and came back with 300 porgies. Blues are being taken down towards Tod's Point, and snappers are everywhere.

ROWAYTON

Bert Van Sciver at the Bait Shop tells of a big rush on wire leaders and popping plugs as the blues moved into the mouth of the river here. The Sheffield Island area is also producing for topwater anglers according to Bert. Small bass are also hitting well in the early morning hours, with seemingly no preference in poppers.

NORWALK

Rick Mola reports continued great fishing at 11B and 24C, with Vin bringing from 25 to 30 a day back to Mola Bros. Bait & Tackle. The triple rig is still his favorite. Snappers and porgies are thick throughout Norwalk waters accroding to Rick, and weakfish, too, are still hitting. Those fishing for them are averaging 8 and 9 a day.

Gloria Borges at the Tackle Box told of Whit Raila who found blues behind Cockenoe Island on top. Manresa Island is hot for snapper blues, with one angler bringing in 125 in a tide. Porgies are thick, but bass are just so-so, with a few schoolies being caught.

At Four Winds, Bob and Rita Utz had their fishing day ruined by a hook in Rita's finger, which required a trip to the hospital for removal. Before coming in they'd spotted some breaking blues off Sherwood Island, but couldn't entice them into hitting. Porgies are hitting well inside Peck's Ledge Light, where it's no problem filling the bucket. Snappers are hitting well, and running five inches and better at present.

WESTPORT

Ed Boland tells of reports of blues breaking wide open in all directions. Cockenoe Reef was a hotspot in rough weather, and they've even showed off Compo Beach a few times. Fairfield Beach was really wild, comes the word from Westport Tackle, as surf anglers cleaned up on 5 to 7 pounders. Jack Darling of Coastise Marine hit one scaling 15½ lbs. at Middleground, where Ed reports most of the action in early morning. Snappers are coming in by the bucketful, with some catches at 200 per day.

BRIDGEPORT

Bob Zam Pidri at Bob's Bait reports fishermen using cut bait scoring well at St. Mary's By The Sea. Bass fishing is alow, but snappers are still loading up at South Benson Harbor and the Tide Mill in Southport.

At Ted's Bait & Tackle, Ted had just seen his first bonito of the season. It was caught near Mt. Sinia when a school surfaced there in mid-afternoon. The unnamed angler was trolling a Rebel from a sailboat. John Zygmant took a 31½ lb. bass at Bedford's Point with a mackerel chunk. Seaside and Breezy Point are loaded with porgies. Just outside the mouth of Bridgeport Harbor is producing bluefish for bait fishermen and trollers.

NEW HAVEN

Walt Janeczek of Outdoor Sports reports the Housatonic River is wild, with fish way above the demarcation line, bluefish that is. Porgies are incredible at Stony Creek, Lighthouse and Fort Hale. Snappers are running 7 inches at Stony Creek. School bass are being found at Morningside, Milford and in Branford, in early morning, with sandworms the best bet.

STRATFORD

The story at Housatonic Marina is the Housatonic River itself. Bunker, mackerel, surge tubes, feathers and plugs are all producing. Fluke have been hitting under the Gun Club, and under Pleasure Beach in Bridgeport. School bass have only been once in a while, and porgies, too, have been slow, possibly due to the large population of blues in the area.

WATERFORD

Hillyer's Bait & Tackle reports great fishing in the Waterford area. Bluefish are being killed at the Race, with Diamond jigs, bunkies. Blues are also at Bartlett's Reef and Black Point. Night fishing for bass is also good at Black Point. Blues are averaging 8 to 10 pounds. On the bottom, porgies, blacks and flats are also hitting well. The frosting on the cake is the run of snapper blues.

OLD LYME

Black Hall Marina tells of continued good striper fishing, along with blues of 8 and 9 lbs. The Race and Pigeon Rip are bluefish hotspots. Snappers are plentiful around Hawks Nest and Soundview, so much so that they're using them for bait for the bigger blues. Porgies are good around the Point of Woods area. Last week's 14 lb. blue still leads the contest at Black Hall.

MILFORD

Vin Ciulla at the Sportsman's Rendezvous tells us the blues have been surfacing morning and evening at Charles Island, the Housatonic and Point Beach. Bass are only schoolies, and a few chopped up specimens were found only today. Vin took brother-in-law, Richard Armstrong, from Milwaukee, Wisconsin on his first bluefishing trip, and they caught 22. The question is how long will it be before Richard moves to Connecticut?

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SANDY HOOK

Julian's Sport Shop reported good fluke fishing at the Ammo Pier Channel and near the tip of Sandy Hook. Bluefish are being trolled at the Shrewsbury Rocks. Weakfish are right at the bottom, hitting small Diamond jigs dressed with soft plastic tails. Stripers are still being caught on bunker, but the best fishing is with single tubes, umbrellas or bunker spoons. Most bass are in the 5 to 20 lb. class. Crabbing is good and snapper blues are all over Sandy Hook Bay.

Bill at Henjo Dock reported fair fishing for fluke near Spermacetti Cove and in Sandy Hook Bay. Snapper blues are all over the place and will hit best at high water on spearing, smelt, squid and shiny lures. Crabbing is good for the bigger blue claws.

SEABRIGHT

Giant bluefish are at the Shrewsbury Rocks, reported Armand at Giglio's Bait & Tackle. Eighteen pounders were caught by chummers. Jim Cicero, his brother Anthony, Paul Neumier and Frank Pitillo nailed 35 blues up to 16 lbs. and eight bass up to 20 lbs. on Polaris poppers and Millie bucktails near the tip of Sandy Hook. Paul Neumier also had a big 8½ lb. weakfish on bucktails from his cartopper working in close to the beach. Sam Watson cast sandworms, taking two bass up to 22 lbs. Mike Laboza took a 21 pounder, also on sandworms. Stripers were reported on top at the Trade Winds up to 20 lbs.

LONG BRANCH

Paul Siciliano at Monmouth Tackle reported good fishing for school stripers along Monmouth Beach. Kenny Warren had six on Monday and ten on Friday, all on Red Fins. Carl Moffler took two bass on Friday, one of which passed the 20 lb. mark, caught on a Gibbs Pencil Popper. Fluke in the river and along the jetties are hitting well, averaging 1 to 4 lbs. Paul says the snapper fishing is terrific.

Weakfishing broke loose at the Long Branch Pier Sunday morning and has continued night and day. All the weekly prizes went to weakfish, the largest of which weighed 5 lbs. 12 ozs., caught by Bill Kooistra. Fluke fishing has been slow but started again Sunday morning.

HUDSON RIVER

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VERPLANCK

Ace and Charlie's reported good crabbing in Haverstraw Bay and excellent snapper bluefishing off Oscawanna. Furnace Brook has been consistent for the snappers which average about 8 inches.

OSSINING

Tony's Bait & Tackle had good reports of crabs, perch, eels and snappers. Bishop Rock has been hot for snappers taking almost any silver, flashy lure.

LOWER HUDSON

Stripers are picky at the Spuyten Duyvil, hitting on popping plugs, swimmers, bucktails and sandworms. Snapper blues are plentiful at the Duyvil and on up to Yonkers. On the Interstate Park side, the mini blues are running from Palisades down to Bayonne. Spearing, smelt and flashy lures are the best producing baits. Crabbing is excellent.

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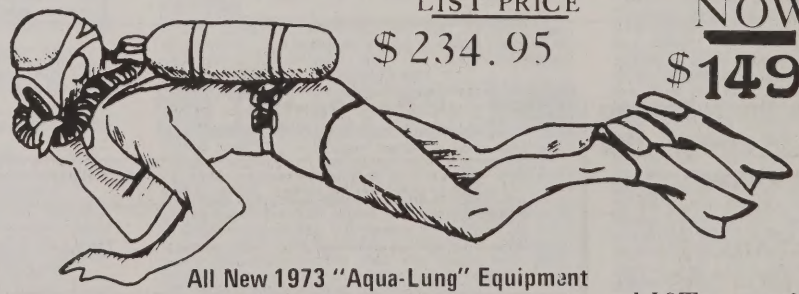

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SOUTH SHORE Long Island

SANDY HOOK STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	10:04	10:18
Fri.	10:47	11:03
Sat.	11:33	11:45
Sun.		12:17
Mon.	12:30	1:05
Tues.	1:18	1:54
Wed.	2:12	2:48
Thurs.	3:13	3:47

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0	50
Shinnecock Bay	+1	25
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05
MORICHES INLET	−0	56
Smith's Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potunk Point	+3	35
Mastic Beach	+3	28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0	38
(Inlet, Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	−0	38
Coast Guard Station	−0	19
Fire Island Light	+0	47
GREAT SOUTH BAY		
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3	39
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
Bay Shore	+2	23
Babylon	+2	12
Amityville	+2	21
JONES INLET	+0	19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0	25
Zachs Bay	+1	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
Freeport Creek	+0	34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0	06
Long Beach Bridge	+0	19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0	00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0	38
JFK Airport	+0	26
STATEN ISLAND	+0	27
MANASQUAN	−0	12

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EASTERN LONG ISLAND
NEW LONDON STATION

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Thurs.	11:33	11:58
Fri.		12:21
Sat.	12:47	1:09
Sun.	1:36	2:01
Mon.	2:29	2:55
Tues.	3:28	3:53
Wed.	4:32	4:52
Thurs.	5:35	5:51

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
Promised Land (Napeague)	−0	14
Fort Pond Bay	−0	29
Montauk Inlet	−0	25
Montauk Point	−1	13

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

	A.M		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	6:45	**12:55**	7:10	**1:25**
Fri.	7:40	**1:55**	8:05	**2:20**
Sat.	8:35	**2:45**	8:55	**3:10**
Sun.	9:25	**3:40**	9:50	**4:00**
Mon.	10:15	**4:30**	10:40	**4:55**
Tues.	11:10	**5:25**	11:35	**5:50**
Wed.		**6:10**	12:05	**6:35**
Thurs.	12:20	**7:00**	12:50	**7:20**

WESTERN Long Island Sound

Long Island Sound
WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	1:28	1:46
Fri.	2:09	2:25
Sat.	2:48	3:03
Sun.	3:26	3:42
Mon.	4:05	4:27
Tues.	4:59	5:18
Wed.	6:33	6:48
Thurs.	7:50	8:04

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0	10
Execution Light	−0	06
Manhasset Bay	−0	01
Hempstead Harbor	−0	11
City Island	−0	03
Rye Beach	−0	28

Long Island SOUND

Long Island Sound
BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	1:08	1:29
Fri.	1:52	2:12
Sat.	2:36	2:58
Sun.	3:24	3:44
Mon.	4:13	4:35
Tues.	5:08	5:31
Wed.	6:09	6:32
Thurs.	7:11	7:31

on BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	−0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	−0	08
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